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Work has been started on the construction of the iron picket fence which is to surround the property. The stone masons who had the preliminary contract to raise the granite columns in the front of the building have concluded their work.

The fence as designed by G.S.A. architects will not only enhance the appearance of the property, but will end the continuing annoyance of trespassers. The Captain should no longer have to call police to issue tags to motorists who daily sneak into our assigned parking areas.

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The John Jamieson family was saddened by the sudden death December 9 of John's mother at her home. Mrs. Agnes Jamieson was 91 years of age and in November enjoyed a family reunion on Thanksgiving.

While her health had been remarkably good for one her age, she nevertheless didn't fully regain her strength from a gall bladder operation performed last summer.

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The use of year-end annual leave left the Mint without many employees over the holiday season: many had to use leave or lose it.

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Alex Berg left on mandatory retirement December 30. The unchangeable rule of retirement at 70 seems unfortunate when an employee enjoys such vigorous health as Alex does. He left the Mint with over 1700 hours of unused sick leave, and still was able to work a hard, eight hours a day in the Machine Shop without tiring any more than those 20 years his junior.

Alex had learned watch making in Sweden as a young man, and for years has done watch repairing at home in his spare time; so he expects to expand that business now.



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His fellow employees bought him some power tools for a retirement gift. These were presented in the Superintendent's office December 28. He has asked us to express his gratitude and thanks for these gifts.

Alex Berg has been a valued and loyal employee who has won the esteem of his associates and the appreciation of his superiors for a job well done. May he long enjoy a happy retirement!

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Jack Myers lost the end of the forefinger of his right hand while working on the joiner down in the carpentry shop on December 27. A guard on the machine prevented him losing a finger or hand, but the painful accident called for quick First Aid by the Guards (Mrs. Sullivan is on annual leave) and he was then sent to his doctor in the Republic Building.

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Alice Ward and members of her family drove to Tucson, Arizona, on December 17 for Christmas. She plans to return January 9.

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Lois Sullivan also had three weeks annual leave to use so had herself a vacation at home - and was "bird-sitter" for Miss Ward's parakeet.

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Willie Hall and his mother and their French poodle are still visiting in California.

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#### COIN BLANKS

By Gordon Porter

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Fathy, who had a daughter weighing 7 pounds, 2 ounces. Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Eppich are the grandparents.

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We are sorry to learn of the death of James (Jim) Goeff, who retired from the Mint 10 or 12 years ago.

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We are grandparents again! Mr. and Mrs. G. B. Porter, Jr., had a girl last Wednesday - 8 pounds, 6 ounces.

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Congratulations to Harold Peirce! He married one of the prettiest girls in east Denver last Saturday - Nell Theiss.

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Jerry Bates is off sick with a cold.

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## HOT CHIPS

By Alex Rooney

The Mark Burkgrens, minus son Gary, spent Christmas Eve at the home of Mrs. Burkgren's folks. Gary, who is a sophomore at Colorado State College at Greeley, and plays forward on the basketball team, left with the squad on December 13 for their holiday road trip, starting with New Mexico State and ending at Santiago State, California, on New Years Eve; they return January 2.

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Daniel Alexander Berg was born in Dalorna (which means "valley"), Sweden on December 11, 1890. He attended school at Domnarvet, then went to work at the age of 16 at Stora Kopparberg Bergslag Company in the blacksmith shop. At 18 he advanced to machinist apprentice, and had a year's schooling in that line. At age 20 he entered military service in the Engineer Corps for one year, then returned to the same company in the locomotive division; he was there for 2 years. He then worked for a lumber company, logging, for three years. He met Miss Selma Blixt, was married and returned to the steel company as lathe man. He was there five years and was advanced to tool and die maker, which job he also held for five years. In April 1925, he and Mrs. Berg came to the United States to his uncle's farm at Kiowa, Colorado, where they ranched  $3\frac{1}{2}$  years. On Christmas day of 1928 they came to Denver, where he started back in the tool and die maker trade for Goldberg Brothers. After several years more at various foundries he came to work for the United States Mint on December 16, 1940, where he has been on design and tool and die making in the Machine Shop ever since.

The Berg's daughter, Karin, was born in Sweden in 1916 and a son, Erik Alen in 1918. Erik graduated from the School of Mines with a degree in Metallurgy and is an engineer with Martin of Denver. He and his wife have a daughter, Betty Carol, 10, and a son, Steven Alen, 8. Karin Brierley has a son, Jim, 22, attending Colorado State University at Fort Collins.

No matter how distasteful the task ahead, you could depend on Alex to carry his share or more of the load. He is brilliant on design of jig and fixtures; his precision in tool and die making is hard to beat, and as a hobby, he is an expert in watch making and repair.

Very rarely indeed was this God-fearing, clean-cut, non-drinking, non-smoking, bundle of energy ever ill in the past twenty years of employment here. It is not going to be easy to fill the shoes of the "Iron Man" of the Machine Shop.

Alex believes, " 'tis a privilege to work", and wishes to take this opportunity to thank each and every one who, down through the years, made his associations here so pleasant, and he is grateful to his superiors, from the Superintendent on down, for the privilege of working here.

He leaves under the best relations possible, and will be missed by everyone.

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The Ralph Langhorn's Christmas at his folk's home was more joyous this year than usual because brother, Walt, was home from Germany. It was the



first time in four years that the whole family has been together, and it was also Leah Rae's first Christmas. Let me tell you about her: Last October at the precise moment Colorado University scored the lone touchdown against Oklahoma U., little Leah, sitting before the T.V., came up with tooth No. 1, and later in November, cut tooth number 2, and D.U. came up with a win for its final game of the season. This is pretty good for a little girl who was six months old Christmas day. Well, little girl, what have you in store for D.C. Truckers come tournament time in March?

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Ex-Chief Engineer, Charles Phillips, told Ted Schrock and Joe Surber time after time that it just wouldn't do any good at all to keep watering those 4 stone posts out in front of the building as they would never grow. Earl Maiden came along - and see what he did in one short season to those posts!

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Hugo Valdez's wife was hospitalized for surgery Friday, December 30, and we wish her the best of luck.

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Out Hunting with Nick: You could say that was the year I didn't bag any game. Three buddies and I got up about 3:00 a.m. and were loading up our car with camping equipment when a spring attachment on top of the car came loose and hit me on the forehead, giving me such a headache I spent the first day out in camp recovering. Next day instead of going out with the boys, I walked three miles to a ranch and hired a horse. I had gone only about 10 miles when I wanted to go down one draw, but the horse wanted to go another way, and when I would rein him left, he would let me pull his head around up to my stirrup, but continue on, right. Finally I got so infuriated that I jabbed him in the head with the end of my rifle. It went off, killing the horse, so I had to walk back to the ranch, lugging all my gear plus a 45 lb. saddle. I paid the rancher \$50.00 for the horse. The following day after getting back to camp I was out early following some fresh deer tracks close to the base of a high ledge. The sun came out bright and started melting the snow, loosening some rock and snow above, which tumbled down. A sharp rock ripped a gash down the left side of my head. Another headache! I trudged several miles into Glenwood Springs to a doctor to get sewed up. On my arrival back to camp it was time to break camp and head home. The other 3 got their game, but I got nothing but headaches that year.

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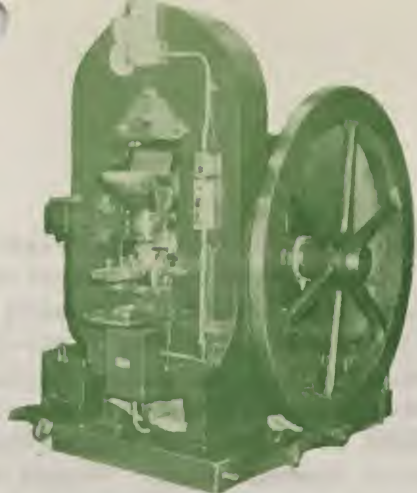
#### THE BIBLE

The Bible is a treasure, valued more  
Than any other, in whatever tongue  
The Sacred words, and thoughts, and acts are sung,  
To multiply the blessings of its store.  
It is the heavenly love-song strange and hoar  
Discoursing on the state of man and God;  
Just how His garb of sanctity man tore.  
The Bible tells of wars and struggles grim  
And dilates on the doleful plight of man;  
Reveals the glory through the curtain dim,  
Which prophets saw as wonderingly they ran,  
Proclaims the peace here only found in Him  
Who, at the end, is All, as He began.

-Edward D. Pfaff



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February 1, 1961

The death of Glen Nicola, January 26, at the VA Hospital ended a tragic and rapid deterioration of our former husky guard and later stationary engineer.

The onslaught of lateral sclerosis a year ago weakened and seemingly shriveled him daily until he soon became a shadow of a man. For many months he had been in the hospital in a pitiful condition and his death is a release from the cruelest of suffering.

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Mrs. Lois Sullivan was on the sick list, the end of the month.

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Jim Valdez' new cream-colored sport jacket was a casualty of spray guns with black paint. The drifting paint settled all over him as he walked along the sidewalk while our new fence was being painted.

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George Godfrey, who is a member of the William H. Jackson Color Camera Club, showed a number of his slides at their regular meeting, January 27, at the Legion Hall.

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Bruce LaFollette was home the last week in January with a severe chest cold.

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John Jamieson and Hjalmar Persman flew to Philadelphia on January 11 to participate in the final discussions pertaining to the design and manufacture of new coin presses for future installation in the two Mints.

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Arthur Killan fell while working on the slab annealer and ruptured a blood vessel. After first aid to reduce the swelling, he was sent to the Doctor.

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Mr. & Mrs. Pete Mendez, Jr. are the parents of a daughter born January 10 at General Rose Hospital.

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Stuart Monahan bowled the "nearly impossible" perfect game, January 22, while competing in the Tri-County Traveling League at the Imperial Lanes. While his dad (Lou) stood by chewing his fingernails, Stu rolled strikes, frame after frame. As the tension mounted and Stu approached the 10th, 11th, and finally the 12th straight strike, all the other alleys were deserted to see if he could do it.

Stu will receive \$500 from the Denver Bowling Proprietors Association and will be given a diamond ring, valued at \$500, by the American Bowling Congress. Other lesser gifts will be added to the prizes.

Lou has decided lightning will never strike twice in the same family, however he is hoping now to get 13 spades in a bridge game.

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The tragedy of the death of Guard Morris Zuckerman, January 3, shocked the entire personnel and our sympathy was immediately offered to his family.

"Zuckie" had appeared to be depressed for several weeks and not in his usual jovial mood, but, when questioned by his co-workers, had denied that there was anything wrong.

Services were held at Feldman's Mortuary, January 5. In lieu of flowers a contribution in his memory was made to the National Jewish Hospital by members of the Guard Force and the Mint Employees Welfare Committee.

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#### WILL ONE OF YOUR CHILDREN SOON BE 19?

All parents of children who will become 19 years of age within the next few months, take heed! If you want your child to continue to have health insurance protection after his or her 19th birthday, you must take action. Here is the situation in such cases:

While unmarried children under 19 years of age are "members of the family," for purposes of health insurance coverage under the Federal programs, when a child reaches age 19 (or marries before 19), his insurance as a member of your family stops. However, he does have the right to obtain separate insurance for himself - an individual "conversion" contract, without a physical examination. After his insurance stops under the Federal program, he has 31 days, during which his old coverage continues, in which to apply for this individual contract.

It is important to keep this in mind because most of the plans will not remind you that your child's insurance will stop. And also, since the Personnel Office does not keep any up-to-date records on the age of your children it will not be able to remind you. So, if you want your 19-year-old to have health benefits protection, it is up to you to see that he takes advantage of this opportunity.

What does he do if he wants to get an individual contract? He applies to the local office of the carrier of your Federal plan, either by mail or by telephone, some time during the 31 days and arranges for the contract. Normally, he will have to fill out an application form and pay the first three month's premium in advance.

What kind of health benefits will he get and how much will it cost? This depends on the terms of the individual contract as set by the respective carriers. No carrier can refuse to provide an individual contract of this kind because of ill-health of the person, nor can it later cancel the contract as long as the premium is paid unless there is evidence of fraud or over-insurance.

Of course, if your child is incapable of self-support because of some serious disability, his coverage as a member of your family continues even after he reaches the age of 19. However, in such cases, be sure that a medical certificate is filed with the Personnel Office before his 19th birthday.



## MELTING POT

by Harry Lawrence

Vern Owen, Ingot Melt Foreman, left December 27 for a vacation in Mexico, returning January 17. Most of his time was spent sight-seeing around Guadalajara and loafing on the beaches of western Mexico.

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It appears a recent successful candidate for high office may have been right when he said that 17 million Americans went to bed hungry every night. There is just about that many women using metracal.

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## COIN BLANKS

by Gordon Porter

Congratulations to Mr. & Mrs. James Martin; they now have twin boys.

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New faces in Count and Review: J. Andrade, D. Rivera, C. Casias.

Virgil Cole is learning to run a press.

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Our sympathy goes out to the family of Kenneth Eppich, who lost his brother--he was 71.

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Mr. & Mrs. Ed Beston are enjoying their retirement. They have taken a bus to sunny California for an indefinite stay.

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My mother-in-law, Mrs. Chas. E. Kirk, celebrated her 75th birthday on January 8. A party for her at our home included her two great-granddaughters.

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## TRIGGER ALLEY

by Hugh Taylor

Sgt. Rutledge had a pleasant but very short visit at home with his son and family. The Marine Corps has the habit of changing orders without notice and the son's departure date was set up by a week, cutting short the visit.

The son is leaving for a tour of duty at the Kaneohe Marine Air Station just outside of Honolulu. He is enjoying life in the service and is doing quite well.

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Al Stahn joined the other Minters who are with the meat inspectors, i.e., Burkholder, Binkley, and McWhirl. We haven't heard how he is doing, but Al will make out well regardless of where he goes. Good luck.

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Jim Valdez' son, Mark Anthony, has been in Mercy Hospital with a respiratory ailment but is on the mend now.

Jim got tired of fixing the Mercury so got a nice '59 Ford. It is a beautiful car and the Valdez family enjoy its riding comfort.

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John J. Collins, Accounting, slipped on the ice while up in the mountains recently, but not until some time later did he realize he had broken his right knee cap. He has returned to work wearing a cast and hobbling around on a cane.

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#### CASH & DEPOSITS CORNER

by A. L. Philippus

David Fiest's mother, and Hugo Valdez' wife were operated on in December. Both are home recuperating.

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Roger Philippus, son of Mr. & Mrs. A. L. Philippus, was home for the Christmas holidays. He was on leave from Ft. Leonard Wood, Mo., and left January 4 for Ft. Sill, Okla., where he will remain until his discharge in April.

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#### HOT CHIPS

by Alex Rooney

Ben Hoglund (Foreman, Machine Shop) and his wife, Elvira, took the California Zephyr to Concord, Calif., to visit their daughter's family for the Christmas holidays. They also helped celebrate granddaughter Caroline's birthday on New Year's eve. They later went to Los Angeles to see Marineland, Disneyland, and Knotts Berry Farm; then drove to San Diego, and back to Los Angeles; and home then, by train. They report a wonderful vacation.

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The power plant is taking on a new look, thanks to the artisan touch of the brush by the engineers. A special nod to Joe Surber for his suggestion of and efforts toward the Surb-board which makes it easier for the incoming shift to see at a glance what is to be done. Thanks go to Keith Montgomery for the log and Montie-board, also making it easier for the incoming shift; and to Earl Maiden for renovating the old bench.

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Saw Lloyd Robertson last Saturday. He said that since his retirement he has had a gall bladder operation (in the early fall); that he was now feeling better than he had in years. He surely looked all right, and asked me to give all the Minters his regards.

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Theodore W. Schrock was born February 14, 1905, at Morrison, Colo., one of a family of seven. There were five girls and two boys. His father passed away while Ted was still small, so, in true family cooperation, they all helped lessen the burden on their mother in bringing up a family of which anyone could be proud.

Ted played forward on the school basketball team that took the County championship in 1917 and 1918. He never let a problem in math get



the better of him even if it meant staying up all night to fathom it. He graduated from Morrison at the top of his class and worked his way through high school at Ft. Collins; he finished up at Bear Creek High School in 1923, again at the top of his class. He played on Bear Creek's first football team. The team was composed of 11 players and one substitute, so he had to do a right smart job of quarterbacking in order not to get more than one player hurt at a time. He helped to rake the rocks off the playing field before each game too--believe me, they were tough in those days. At the age of 18, while still in high school, he and his brother-in-law founded the BEAR CREEK ADVERTISER, a weekly newspaper for south Jefferson County. The people were highly pleased with this paper, and the subscriptions poured in. "Yours truly" was their star reporter and got them in no end of trouble. But times were hard and they couldn't collect from the advertisers, so this fine little newspaper failed; however, they did collect from the restaurants and lunchrooms by eating big dinners and charging them to the ads they had run.

After leaving school, Ted learned the carpenter trade and worked on mountain cabins and many of the famous lodges in the heart of the Rockies. His other jobs included work on pipelines, mountain roads, bridges, and coal mines. At the Bluebird mine he operated the Sullivan shearing machine. On some of these jobs he was foreman, others he contracted, but at each he worked with such zest he was said to be married to the job--at least, after 1926, when he married his high school sweetheart Lucille Moody, that is what she said. They had four children: Teddy, Clark, Joan, and Tommy; Clark and Joan are married, Tommy is in the service, and Joan has two sons (Douglas 5 and Ron 3)--their only grandchildren.

March 12, 1934, he entered the employ of the U. S. Mint and soon made a permanent place for himself by hard work and being willing to tackle any job. He has worked in nearly every department--again earning the tag of being married to the job. He is now foreman of cashier shipping.

Who is the largest and most handsome valentine in the Mint? Well, just refer to the first sentence of this article!

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Mrs. Orpha Hall and son Willie (press room) left on vacation December 21 and returned January 8, traveling TWA. Their talented pooch, "Snowball," sat on their laps the entire 3700 air-mile trip and never said a word (which is pretty good for a lady!). They visited relatives in San Francisco, Carmel, Los Angeles, Colton, and Riverside, and saw the Tournament of Roses parade--which didn't impress Willie too much.

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The man whose great-grandfather built a railroad through the wilderness with nobody's O.K. now has to get a permit to remodel his front porch.--The Lion.

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The black coat of paint on the new fence around the Mint is in keeping with the windows; makes the yard look larger, and more security seems much in evidence.

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Life's greatest tragedy is to lose God and not to miss Him.--F. W. Norwood.

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Bulletin Board of January 30, 1961: This plant has worked 378 days without a lost-time accident.



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Our heartfelt sympathy went out to the Hugh Taylor family in the sudden loss, February 12, of their son Hugh, Jr., early Sunday morning after Hugh, Sr., had returned home from his night shift here.

Funeral services were held February 15 at the Howard Park Avenue Mortuary.

Hughie had felt only slightly ill on Saturday. Their family physician had prescribed an antibiotic that evening and the boy had felt better after having his first dose. Before ever receiving the second capsule he fell asleep and simply stopped breathing as his father sat watching him.

The boy, crippled by polio, was able to attend Boettcher School. On the evening before his illness, he had been present at a dance at the Hilton Hotel of the "Whirling Wheels"-- a group of young people who have gained skill and pleasure in using wheel chairs to participate in physically active pastimes.

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Our sympathy is extended to Ben Vanhille whose father passed away February 28. The Rosary was at Howard's Park Avenue Chapel, with the funeral services at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, Saturday morning.

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Mrs. Adam Hill underwent surgery February 3 at Beth Israel Hospital and is now on the mend.

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Oscar Johnson, Assistant Foreman of the Ingot Melt Room, after being ill at home the first week in February with a kidney ailment, suffered a heart attack February 5 and had to be moved to St. Anthony's Hospital. He is home now and making a nice recovery.

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Nurse Sullivan says that with her First Aid Room it's either "feast or famine." On February 21: Louis Zinge cut the third finger on his right hand while working on the Chilean mill. After first aid he was sent to the hospital. The Doctor covered the missing flesh with a skin graft from Mr. Zinge's arm. Then, Harry McCullough almost immediately incurred a cut on the left side of his face from a coil. He also had to be treated by a Doctor.

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John Perrin of the Melt Room was sent home March 1 with an attack of dizziness.

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#### CASH & DEPOSITS CORNER by A. L. Philippus

A serious accident was narrowly averted in the Deposit Melt Room when the bottom dropped out of a crucible filled with a melted gold deposit. Quick thinking and action on the part of the crew prevented anyone being hurt. It would seem to prove that periodic safety meetings as held in this section, pay off well.

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Mrs. A. L. Philippus spent a few days in the hospital for minor surgery, but is now home doing very well.

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Joe Chacon's mother was also hospitalized and underwent surgery.

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Hugo Valdez' daughter was taken to the hospital February 27.

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Dave Fiest's mother, who has been hospitalized, expects to return home in a few days.

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#### FEDERAL EMPLOYEES HEALTH BENEFITS ACT

##### Supplemental Benefits

If you are enrolled in the Government-wide Service Benefit Plan, check page 22 of your brochure for the word on claiming supplemental benefits -- You must submit claims for supplemental benefits yourself. To do this you must keep records of bills paid for items such as prescription medicines (including prescription numbers), doctor's office calls, or other items listed on page 15 of the Service Benefits Plan brochure.

You can obtain a claim form for supplemental benefits from your local Blue Cross Plan; your personnel office will inform you where this office is located. Detailed instructions are on the back of this form and Blue Cross people will assist you with filing your claim.

In claiming supplemental benefits the "deductible" (\$100 high option; \$200 low option) applies to each member of your family. The "benefit period" begins on the day a person first goes to a doctor and continues until he has 90 days without treatment or prescription or until 12 months from that first doctor's call, whichever occurs first. It then begins over again with another deductible.

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#### HOT CHIPS by Alex Rooney

Charles Kowalis' (machine shop) wife underwent surgery at St. Joseph's Hospital, February 28. She is doing well, we are happy to report.

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Don Elliott (machine shop) and wife have left on a trip to California to see their son who is in the Service. He will be discharged while they are there and will return home with his parents.

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Fred Bontems (press room) and wife motored up to Laramie, Wyo., February 22. Coming back, by way of Cheyenne, they were caught in a snow-storm, so stayed all night there. Luckily, Fred was on the swing shift and was able to get to work on time Thursday evening.

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Collin Lascy (rolling room) has been busy these beautiful, spring-like days getting his yard in shape for summer. Last August the Lascys purchased a new home at 915 Macon out Aurora way after living several years in a trailer home.

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John Pustek is the new man in the machine shop. He is married, has three daughters and two sons, and, before coming to the Mint on February 6, worked at the Arsenal and the Air Force Academy. He is an excellent welder and has an interesting background. We will have more on John in a later issue.

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It was the teacher's birthday and all the little kids were bringing her birthday presents.

The first little boy laid his neatly wrapped package on her desk--his parents owned the local candy store. Teacher: "Oh, I'll bet that's a nice box of chocolates for me." Boy: "You're right, teacher, and a happy birthday to you." The second little boy placed his longer and lighter package on her desk--his parents owned the local florist shop. "Oh," exclaimed the teacher, "I'll bet that's a nice bouquet of flowers for me." "You're right," replied the boy, "and a happy birthday to you." The third little boy (his folks owned the local liquor store) set his package down so abruptly that it started leaking. Teacher, sticking her finger in it and licking it: "Ummm, rum?" Boy: "Uh-er, no," shaking his head. Teacher, sticking her finger in again and licking it: "Vodka?" Boy: "Er-uh, no, teacher," again shaking his head. Teacher: "Well, what is it?" Little boy: "It's a puppy."

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Bulletin Board of March 1, 1961: This plant has worked 403 days without a lost-time accident. (Do you realize that that is well over a year?)

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#### COIN BLANKS

by Gordon Porter

Congratulations to Mr. & Mrs. Abondio Ybarra on the birth of a son on February 1. Charles weighs 5 pounds and 7 $\frac{1}{4}$  ounces.

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Al Swanson has returned home from the Swedish Sanitarium where he was treated for a sinus infection and strep throat.

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Ed Beston's sick leave has carried him to the end of March, his technical retirement date. He left the Mint in January and is doing all right now.

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Joe Shaball also left the Mint in January, and, like Ed Beston, will not be officially retired until some time this month owing to accrued sick leave.

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#### TRIGGER ALLEY

by Hugh Taylor

During the month of February we welcomed two new guards:

Charles R. Roos joined the Guard Force on February 20. He hails from Humboldt, Kansas, and other Midwestern cities. He has just retired from the Air Force after 21 years of service, which included a tour of duty in the South Pacific. Each time this paradise is mentioned he stands with bated breath, lost in a reverie of those low swells of the sea that break on the snowy white, palm-lined, sun-bathed beaches. While enjoying this paradise he won a battle star, and, for a time, the beauties of nature were forgotten. He has a married daughter and a son nine years old. They live at 2870 Niagara Street and plan on staying in Denver.

William Newkirk left the Mint in January 1960 to operate a cafe in Iowa. Bill couldn't get along without Colorado sunshine, so he had to come back to the wide open spaces to get some invigorating fresh air. We are happy that he couldn't get along with the tall corn and that we can welcome him back to the Mint family.

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Ellis Morgan is keeping a sharp eye on the lakes about Denver and when the time is right will be taking off to join Isaac Walton fans in the quest for bigger and better fishing grounds.

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Elmer Call was married on Sunday, February 10, to Arilla Fleenor, in a quiet, double-ring ceremony at the Montclair Baptist Church. The bride wore a light blue wedding dress.

The Calls are buying a house at 2825 Ivy Street. They plan a honeymoon trip later--to Wichita, Kansas.

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Ed Widmer is the only person we ever heard of who looks forward to an operation. He has had eight and says his health has always been improved. Now he is waiting for his doctor to set a date for sinus surgery.

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The feminine contingent of Mint employees all had luncheon at the Brown Palace Hotel on February 3. Mrs. Schneider was the guest of all the "gals."

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Helen Lail has been taking steam baths lately--not willingly, but involuntarily. It seems she has a leaky radiator which the apartment owner refuses to repair.

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Stewart Monahan, who bowled a perfect score on January 22, 1961, received his award ring from the American Bowling Congress on March 9. The ring, of heavy gold, has a large red stone, with the red-white-and-blue, enameled ABC shield in the center. In the white stripe of the shield is a large diamond, and in the blue enamel part are the numerals 300, signifying the perfect score. It is hard to tell which, Dad Lou or son Stu, is more proud of the accomplishment.

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Welcome back to "Mo" Manzanares who has just returned to the Mint after serving his military hitch. He worked here in the M&R Division from March of 1957 to January 1959.

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March has been a bad month for sickness among our Mint families: Mrs. Rudolph Jackson has been at Porter's Sanitarium undergoing treatment for a condition of her nerves. Cecil Gray has had to have further therapy for his lungs at St. Luke's Hospital.

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Have you noticed the youthful, svelte appearance of Bill Manning? He has gone on a low calorie diet that is causing him to shed pounds daily. He says he feels so much better that he intends to keep his weight down.

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Condolences are extended to Jim McLaughlin, whose mother, Mrs. Isabella McLaughlin, passed away March 23. She had been ill for several years and had had to have nurses in attendance at all times.

The Rosary was held Friday evening at Olinger's, followed by the Requiem High Mass at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception on Saturday morning. Among the pallbearers were the following Mint employees: Lou Monahan, Fred Miller, Leo Eakins, and Ed Sandstrom.

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Guard Floyd Betts has his annual spring haircut--we mean the extra short, bur cut.

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Sgt. Roy Speck's black Oldsmobile is probably the cleanest, shiniest car in our lots. He washes it three or four times a week!

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Mr. & Mrs. James Lloyd (he is in the B&M Division) became the proud parents of a baby girl, born March 20 at St. Anthony's Hospital.

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Mr. & Mrs. Albert L. Philippus have announced the engagement of their daughter Marilyn to Douglas B. Grandee. Marilyn attended Colorado State University, and her fiance is an alumnus of Colorado University. He is presently with the Air Force, stationed in California. The young couple plan to be married in May.

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Dick Merrill accompanied his wife as far as Chicago when she left here March 24 to visit their daughter in Pittsburgh. The Merrills spent the time before Mrs. Merrill left for the East, shopping at Marshall Fields. Then Dick boarded the Denver-bound train and was back home ready for work Monday morning.

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Johnnie Romero (M&R) and Hugo Valdez (C&D) have transferred to Rocky Mountain Arsenal.

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The new girl in Personnel is Sandra Becker. She chooses, however, to be called Eileen--her middle name.

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CASH & DEPOSITS CORNER  
by A. L. Philippus

Mrs. John E. Collins underwent surgery on March 8 in General Rose Hospital. She has returned home and is now recuperating.

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During the past couple of years this Division has handled over 200,000 gold bars without anyone sustaining any injury of any kind.

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COIN BLANKS  
by Gordon Porter

Mr. & Mrs. Abondio Ybarra had a GIRL (Charlene), NOT a boy--as reported in last month's Mint Press.

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Ernest Lewis (Count and Review) went down to Texas to see his mother, who was ill.

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Another addition in Count & Review is William Foglesong, brother of LeRoy Foglesong. He was formerly with the Post Office.

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Ben Vanhille, who was operated on last month, is now back to work.

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On March 20 Stewart (Stu) Monahan completed his fifth year at the Mint. Congratulations.

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Mr. & Mrs. Leo Madrid have spent a busy two months: Daughter Loretta Jo was born January 30; Leo reached his 31st birthday in February; Mrs. (Linda) Madrid's birthday was next, March 24; and, two days later, March 26, the Madrids celebrated their first wedding anniversary. What a time!

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Then, on to Route 66, where the terrific winds ripped our camper from its mooring, flinging it off the highway. In a hurry to get back to Colorado, we headed up 666, through the Navajo reservation; but, the rains were with us there. About every ten miles we'd see a single-pump filling station in front of some trading post—off the good paved highway, however, and always surrounded by a sea of mud. No matter the rains, the Indians were out and about. Walking, there was always the squaw bringing up the rear; riding, they would be either in some old pickup or in an old wagon (with each wheel going in a different direction) pulled by two skinny horses. When this country is dry it presents no better picture, the land is a fine silt which blows off readily. How anything grows is beyond human imagination. Ever so often we'd see bus shelters for school kids going to Indian schools. These would be a hundred-or-so feet off the highway, and were painted a bright yellow—about the only painted objects around. Uninviting little hovels with hardly more than a single room dot the landscape; some of them are as near as 300 feet off the highway, and others as far to the horizon as one can see. The lucky tenant might have a few sheds, with corrals for sheep—tiny herds, at that. So, we were glad to head into Colorado and the booming town of Cortez.

The rain showers stayed with us to Durango and Pagosa Springs. Every mountain ranch had its huge pile of cord wood (We know now why the Pagosa Springs basketball team, when they competed in last year's tournament, looked so clean-cut; they had chores to do at home.), and the smell of the pine smoke was certainly invigorating.



"No," said the State Patrol when we asked about Wolf Creek Pass, "there is 83 inches of new snow and the visibility is zero." So, they routed us down 84 to Espanola, New Mexico, and back via Taos and Raton; even so, we were in a blinding snowstorm. At Cumbres we dug up rocks from under the snow in order to add enough weight to the pickup to give us traction. This proved to be a good stunt, but we about ran out of gas before we got to Raton at 1:20 a.m. We got home at 7:30 a.m. after having fought a snowstorm all of the way, with cars off both sides of the highway.

ADVICE: If your wife buys the groceries and cooks them when you are home, don't buy and cook them on a trip, for you can't expect to collect for them upon your return.

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Sort of makes you proud to drive in through the new gates on the Cherokee Street entrance, they are so imposing and secure; makes you wonder why they haven't always been there. And, have you run across the individual in town who thought the fence was always there?

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Bulletin Board of April 1, 1961: This plant has worked 435 days without a lost-time accident.

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TRIGGER ALLEY  
by Hugh Taylor

Young Dick O'Connell is home for spring vacation. The trip home was most hazardous as Wolf Creek Pass was icy. There were frequent snow slides, and cars were stalled all along the road. A truck towing a lumber truck, moving at a snail's pace over the pass, held up some 200 cars.

Dick is doing well in school and is looking forward to going back after this little rest.

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Ellis Morgan has been giving the weatherman a piece of his mind the last few days. He has all the gear ready, the motor tuned up, and the boat all shined for that first plunge into the water as soon as he can get some time off--the weatherman cooperating, of course. He doesn't have snowshoes attached to the boat, but, if he finds it is necessary, they will be attached before leaving for Bonny Dam. He and Elmer Hayes were caught in a blizzard several years back and they almost had to mush out..

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We regret having lost Marvin Miller. He felt he would be happier out at Rocky Mountain Arsenal. Best of luck on your new assignment, Marvin.

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Floyd Betts has sold his old home. The contractor on his new place is bogged down in snow up to his armpits, and, in the meantime, Floyd has chewed his fingernails off almost to his elbows. Just relax, Floyd, it will all work out; sometimes it seems these things will not resolve themselves, but they always do.

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The Bureau has approved May 17 as the starting date of our annual settlement. There is so much gold to be handled that it is necessary to get started early in order that annual leave can be granted to nearly everyone.

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April 5 was the change-over date to two 60-hour shifts per week. Production figures have moved up proportionately.

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Tom Maloney and Joe Wier flew to Ft. Knox on April 22 to assist with some special work there.

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Cecil Gray, after his release from the hospital, took annual leave. He and Mrs. Gray drove to Florida to see if a little sunshine and warm weather would hasten his recovery.

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Hugh Taylor is the proud owner of that new Chevvy (tan) in the lot.

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Former Guard Lloyd Robertson visited the Mint on April 5 and was looking wonderfully well.

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Congratulations to Mr. & Mrs. Ernest Jacobson, who became the proud parents of a baby girl. Linda was born April 4 at St. Joseph's Hospital.

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Henry Riddick says his young sprouts were up at the crack of dawn on Easter morning. He thinks they have more confidence in, and affection for, the Easter bunny than they do for Santa Claus. He feels it is because they are suspicious of the identity of the latter.

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Tom Billapando incurred a burn on his right hand the early part of April which, we are happy to say, has healed nicely.

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Ed Widmer returned to his home April 7 after his sinus surgery. Part of the operation included breaking his nose and setting it correctly to repair an old break.

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Ed Greeno was home with a bad chest cold the first Friday in April, but was back on the job the following Monday.

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Helen Lail hobbled around in summer sandals all during the April snows because she broke a toe on her right foot when she stubbed it against a desk at home. She is convinced that she has all the luck in the world! Bad luck, that is.

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Joe Herrera bruised the second and third fingers on his left hand, March 17. Fortunately the injury was only slight.

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Harold Rutledge was ill at home with a kidney infection, but has improved enough to be back at work.

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If everyone using the large Manila messenger envelopes will write the office designation in pencil, instead of ink, it can be erased and the envelopes used much longer. These envelopes always disappear from the front offices no matter how many are ordered, so let's try getting a little more use out of the ones we do have.

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#### COIN BLANKS

by Gordon Porter

Bill O'Donnell is ready to buy safety belts for his car. That broken arm of his wife's came about not from a fall, but happened in their car.

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C. "Bud" Lehl is now back at work after having had an emergency operation at Presbyterian Hospital for a ruptured ulcer.

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Carl Bowman, formerly a Coining Division employee and presently a trainer at the dog track, has had to have a leg amputated. We hope he is improving now.

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#### MELTING POT

by Harry Lawrence

Congratulations to Mr. & Mrs. Charles Ulibarri (ingot melt) on their recent adoption of a 4-month-old baby girl.

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Bob Jackson (makeup) is recovering nicely from the third operation on his throat to remove a cyst.

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## CASH & DEPOSITS CORNER

by A. L. Philippus

Mrs. Charles Davis was hospitalized April 17 in St. Anthony's Hospital, but is home now recuperating satisfactorily.

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Mr. & Mrs. Philippus' son, Roger, returned home from Ft. Sill, Oklahoma, on April 19, after completing his service there.

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## HOT CHIPS

by Alex Rooney

Ben Hoglund (foreman, machine shop) underwent surgery for kidney stones at Mercy Hospital the forepart of April. He is recuperating at home now under the very able care of his nurse, Elvira, who happens to be his wife. Ben expects to be back to work shortly—although the healing is slow. We missed his smiling face, so will be glad to welcome him back.

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Red Boner (rolling room) purchased a new 53 Carryall for the express purpose of going after those wily mountain trout. Now, he wonders if he'll ever get any of them what with the current long hours and night shifts.

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Charles Kowalis (machine shop), who is Assistant Advancement Chairman for Boy Scout Troop 102, Derby, Colorado, aided by several adults, loaded the troop into cars and "high-tailed" it for Camp Thosa, a winter camp near Ward, Colorado. Some winter fun was their aim, and they had rented four toboggans at \$4.00 a day. Charles, with all of his abilities (instructor in radio, art, etc.), was helpless this time; when they arrived at camp they found no snow. One enterprising boy made a dry run on a lid and, as luck would have it, hit a tree. This necessitated taking the boy to a Doctor in Boulder to have stitches taken in his lip.

Speaking of Scoutmasters, they are a noble lot. They give freely of their time in training these youths for a better way of life, and thus cut down juvenile delinquency.

Charles recently attended a father-and-son banquet at Jefferson Junior High for 36 boys of the Order of the Arrow. Only one out of 50 Scouts are picked for membership in this group.

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Norman Engblom (Assistant Foreman, machine shop) didn't get his storm doors finished owing to winter weather. Now, spring is here; so are long hours. Result: He gave up snuff and went back to smoking his troubles away.

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Carl Borchert (machine shop) is working faithfully in his yard every evening, and, of all things, he is crazy about roses—he, who hates dust and pollen. Ironically, the buffalo grass he didn't plant is doing right well.

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Frank Pfanenstiel (machine shop) is hunting around for some kind soul to build an out-of-door barbecue stand in the Pfanenstiel back yard. Do we get invited over, Frank? Or, will it be something like another deluxe patio we were aware of last fall?

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A wealthy contractor who liked to know all about the employees who toiled in his vast business was making his rounds of his offices one day when he came upon a new young man who was dextrously counting out a large wad of the firm's cash for the pay roll.

"Where did you get your financial training, young man," he asked.

"Yale," replied the young man.

"Good, good," exclaimed the contractor, "and will you tell me your name."

"Yackson" came the answer.

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Paul Thomas (furnace builder) took off a couple of weeks and, with the help of two good friends and a pick-up truck, moved from 3248 South Flamingo Way to 2900 South Gilpin—which is closer to his work. Aside from being pleased with the nice house and good neighborhood, Paul is delighted with his new 2-car garage—you will remember that several years ago he lost a large garage by fire.

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#### TO BE CALLED A BRICK

A brick is made of clay;  
so is man.

A brick is square and plumb and true;  
so a man ought to be.

A brick is useless until it has been  
through fire;  
so is man.

A brick is not as showy as marble,  
but it is more useful;  
man is not made for show, but for  
service.

A brick fulfills its purpose only by  
becoming a part of something greater  
than itself;  
the same is true of a man.

When a man fulfills this description he  
has a right to be called a brick.

Author unknown

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Latest Bulletin Board: This plant has worked 460 days without a lost-time accident.

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From the mail bag: "Dear Sirs: I would like to know about money. I have been wondering about money for a long time. It would be very nice to know about money. My little brother would like to know about money too. I have always wanted to know what money is made of. I would like to have all the information I can about money. If you are going to send this information there is no big rush to get it." (The address of this little information seeker is: 66 Easy Street, Security, Colorado.)

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## TRIGGER ALLEY

by Hugh Taylor

Ellis Morgan is back working after a week at Bonny Dam. The fishing was no good as the State Game and Fish Department were gathering eggs from the pike. The summer has just started, so fishing should improve after the fish get settled back to normal. Ellis reports that the new motor works well, and he is ready on short notice to do more of the same as the opportunity arises.

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This past month we have had four new men come to work on the Guard Force: Alex Mares, Russel VanderVeer, Carl Rollo, and Frank Lodge. It is wonderful to see a new face on the front door again.

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Captain Widmer is back at work after his operation. The nose is still sore, but he can breathe much easier; he says it feels now that he is exhaling and inhaling through the Holland Tunnel rather than a nose.

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John Gresh is the proud owner of a new Bel Aire Chevrolet. He says the best he can do in the way of traveling right now is to drive to work, but, one of these days, he plans to air it out on a nice long trip. He is just waiting for an opportunity to see what it will do.

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Floyd Betts is still waiting to move into his new house. The building trades went on strike when the finishers and painters were just four houses from him. The strikers are back to work now and it should be possible for Floyd to really start living in about two more weeks--that is if something more doesn't happen to throw the workers off schedule. We hope by the next Mint Press issue he will have that new roof over his head and that everything will be just as he would like it.

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Hugh Taylor spent a week in the back yard getting the garden ready for planting. (I had visions of taking a little trip to see what a '61 Chev would do, but plans were changed. So, I spent a week on the end of a shovel and a pruning hook. It was fun, but, oh, it is hard on the muscles!)

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Sgt. O'Connell bought his son a new baseball bat and had to help him break it in right. He came to work May 1 with a pink sunburn and a very tired pair of legs. He didn't get to play "bat" all the time; he had to shag a few balls himself.

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### SAFETY:

The senseless slaughter on our highways caused by needless accidents is the concern of everyone interested in safety work. But the frightening increase in traffic accidents should make the problem the concern of everyone.

Accidents do not have to happen if drivers and pedestrians obey the laws and use common sense.

Speed is the great killer on the highways, and lack of courtesy in driving is the great cause of bent fenders.

Police enforcement helps, but why don't you use your influence on the people you know, to teach them to drive safely and courteously.

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## SUPPLEMENTAL HEALTH BENEFITS

From the number of inquiries received by the Health Benefits Office, and from the comments received on the questionnaires distributed during agency evaluations of the Health Benefits Program, it becomes increasingly apparent that a large number of employees are unfamiliar with the provisions of the supplemental benefits provided by their Health Benefits Plans. This lack of understanding is resulting in employees paying for benefits to which they are entitled but failing to claim reimbursement.

Under the majority of the plans available under the Federal Employees Health Benefits Program, a subscriber is entitled to reimbursement from their plan (after payment of a deductible by the subscriber) for usually 75 to 80 percent of the costs incurred for such medical expenses as:

1. Visits to a doctor's office.
2. Doctor calls made to the home of the subscriber.
3. Prescription drugs and medicines used outside of a hospital.
4. X-Ray and diagnostic laboratory procedures in the out-patient department of hospitals or in a physician's office.
5. Blood and plasma.
6. Professional ambulance service.
7. Rental of durable medical and surgical equipment.
8. Special duty nurses in home or hospital.
9. Crutches, braces, artificial limbs and other related items when prescribed by a doctor.
10. In-patient and out-patient care for mental or nervous disorders or pulmonary tuberculosis.
11. Hospitalization primarily for diagnostic tests or treatments or for physio-therapy.
12. Services of a qualified professional physio-therapist outside of the hospital.
13. Charges for consultants and surgeons in a hospital to the extent that they are not covered by Basic Benefits of the Plan.
14. Hospital room and board expenses up to \$25 per day to the extent that they are not covered by Basic Benefits of the Service Benefit Plan.

EVEN THOUGH THESE CHARGES MAY BE FOR UNRELATED ILLNESSES, THEY MAY ALL BE COMBINED AND APPLIED TOWARD THE DEDUCTIBLE, AND CLAIMS MAY BE MADE FOR RE-IMBURSEMENT.

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After two weeks spent in trying to learn my way around and to find out which duties must be taken care of first, I have become aware of the wonderful job you, the employees of the Denver Mint, are doing. I have not had an opportunity to study the budget which has been set up for the operation of the Mint, nor have I become familiar at this time with many of the details of the operation; however, it is my intention to devote my full time to learning the responsibilities which I have accepted. My success as Superintendent of the Mint can be attained only by complete cooperation between me and you faithful career workers--many of you with years of experience. It shall be my endeavor to earn your confidence and, in so doing, I hope to share your problems and help you continue to make the Denver Mint one of the outstanding Federal institutions in the Nation.

I wish to express my sincere thanks to the Assistant Superintendent, the Division Heads, and all of the employees for the part they took in making my oath-taking party, May 19, such a lovely affair. The beautiful floral token will long be remembered by me as well as my family.

I am earnestly looking forward to becoming acquainted with all of you and only hope that I may prove deserving to serve on the Mint (your Team).  
...Fern V. Miller

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## WELCOME, MRS. MILLER

I am sure that all of the employees join me and the Division Heads, as well as the administrative officials, in welcoming Mrs. Fern V. Miller as our new Superintendent. Her understanding and appreciation of the high level of efficiency the Mint staff has achieved has already been indicated. We can assure her our fullest cooperation.

President Kennedy has pointed out that at a time when freedom and democracy all over the world are under attack it is especially important that Federal employees extend themselves to render an even higher quality of service to their Government.

In notifying you some years ago regarding the induction of another Superintendent, we said this to you: "In the past few years you have succeeded in greatly reducing the cost of coinage at a time when prices and wages have advanced appreciably. You will not be dismayed by continued requests for efficiency and economy."

We pledge to the Administration and to Mrs. Miller that not only shall we continue the record, but will attempt to better the performance; the performance which has made the Denver Mint the outstanding Mint in the world and has marked it as a governmental organization which always keeps in mind the fact that it is a servant of the people and responsible at all times to the taxpayers.  
...Marshall M. Reddish

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CASH & DEPOSITS CORNER  
by A. L. Philippus

Miss Marilyn Philippus, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. A. L. Philippus, was married to Mr. Douglas Bennett Grandee, Sunday, May 28, in the Lutheran Church of the Resurrection. Marilyn chose her parents' wedding anniversary for her wedding date.

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During the past few years, nearly 250,000 gold bars have been handled by this Division, without a single injury having been reported. Considering the fact that the bulk of this operation was integrated with the regular work, mostly on an overtime basis, we feel this is a good record.

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TRIGGER ALLEY  
by Hugh Taylor

Congratulations to Lt. Wallace on the completion of 30 years of faithful and excellent service with the Government. During his years at the Mint he has shown his terrific physical strength in feats that few others have equalled.

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Distaff members of the Mint, please note: Guard Roos has a flair for the culinary arts and, not to be selfish with his talent, has kindly given us permission to print a tip or two:

When is a stew cooking? -- Ans.: When it is smoking.

When is it done? -- Ans.: When it is black.

Perhaps as time goes on we shall know all of his secrets.

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Sgt. & Mrs. Schramm are most proud parents: Their daughter Margie has won a 4-year scholarship to St. Francis DeSales High School. That's the way to do it!

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Guard Miyazawa plans to attend the graduation of his brother Phillip from Colorado University, June 9. Phillip was invited to an interview for Phi Beta Kappa, scholastic fraternity, but at this writing we do not know the outcome. We are all happy that he was singled out for possible membership.

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Twenty-six years of service at the Mint and never late a day! That is the splendid record of Roy Speck, reached May 25, 1961--a record we should all "shoot at." Congratulations, Roy; keep up the good work.

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Guards Newkirk and Miyazawa went fishing at Cherry Creek Dam and all they got were cold feet and wet hands. Better luck next time, fellows.

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Ellis Morgan went to Green Mountain Reservoir and brought back the limit in 12- to 14-inch trout. He got the limit in a little over three hours. The rest of us should watch his technique in this sport and possibly we too could fill our creels.

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Floyd Betts has finally moved into his new house and is back on the job. His new address is Northglenn--the wide open spaces north of Denver. We hope that it is just what the Betts want and that they will have many years of happiness there.

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Captain Widmer has taken off a couple of days lately to get his yard work done. He has it on the rest of us: he has just enough yard to make working it a pleasant diversion rather than a chore.

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COIN BLANKS  
by Gordon Porter

Mr. & Mrs. Howard Peirce have had a "sweet" trip; they attended the Kentucky Derby and, later, the Indianapolis "try-outs."

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Congratulations to Mr. & Mrs. Dwight Pickett; they became parents of a boy on May 13--weight 7 pounds 1 ounce.

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The Persmans will tour the State of California upon completion of his settlement work in San Francisco.

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Ed Greeno is also assigned to settlement work in Frisco. Mrs. Greeno, as well as their son and daughter, plans to accompany him.

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Add to the list of journeyers the Cliff Hicks. They are going to Portland, Oregon.

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More travelers: Mr. & Mrs. Al Swanson will be heading into New Mexico and hope to visit Grand Canyon and Grand Mesa.

Mr. & Mrs. Claus Hanson will be off to California.

Luckily, the Leo Madrids will see both sets of parents at Trinidad. While there, Leo plans to catch some 5-pound trout.

The Dean Bells, accompanied by their daughter, will go first to Yellowstone Park, then Salt Lake City.

Destination unknown: The Allen Crabtrees have a new Galaxie, and enjoying every minute of driving it.

The Walt Kasubkes had planned to go to California, but what with his brother-in-law visiting them (after having won a new Impala!) and the Kasubke son graduating from CSU June 10, plans have changed somewhat.

B. Fuller has the transportation to go places--a new, '61 Falcon.

Claude Sayer, his wife, and daughter are going to drive to Alaska in their new Chevy.

Here's hoping everyone has a grand time on his vacation.

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HOT CHIPS  
by Alex Rooney

Norman Engblom's daughter Betty Lou was recently in the hospital for about a week. She is home and on the mend now, we are happy to report.

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Darrell Smeaton (Mr. Personality of the Mint), out Arvada-way, is rushing to complete plans for a nice vacation. It will be over the Divide, down Mesa Verde way, and back by way of Gunnison and Monarch Pass. Oh yes, he'll take his wife and heirs along.

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Walt Boswell (former Refinery melt room foreman) and wife Julie are leaving Friday for Grand Junction to visit their daughter Betty and her husband--who does aerial photogrammetry.

July 10, they are leaving for Edmonton, Alberta, to visit another daughter, Anomi, whose husband is a geophysicist for the Imperial Oil Co. of Canada. While in Canada they will do some sight-seeing at Lake Louise and Jasper National Park.

Incidentally, Walt says that while in Grand Junction recently he visited Roscoe Graham (former Mint guard). He wanted Walt to tell everyone "Hello" and to ask Roy Speck "What the heck is wrong with your writing arm? Can't you write any more--or shoot either?"

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Correction: It is feared that we were guilty of a gross error in the last issue of the Mint Press, so we hasten to correct same. We stated that Carl Borchert had been busy this spring making everything beautiful in that back yard of his. Not so. It was his lovely wife Opal who had wrought all the charm and beauty. We might have known, but that's the way we heard it.

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In a very poor farm section in the Ozarks a wife suggested to her husband that they kill a pig to celebrate their silver wedding anniversary. "What," he cried, "kill an innocent pig for something we did 25 years ago!"

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Mr. & Mrs. Ted Schrock drove up to the cemetery in the Red Rocks, Memorial Day, to decorate his mother's grave and visit relatives and friends. Ted will be moving from 1945 South Gilpin soon as they have sold their home and bought a new house out Englewood-way.

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Out Hunting with Lynn.--"Quite some time ago, when I was young, I decided to go hunting early one weekday morning. I cranked up my old "flivver" and headed north out of town. When I came to Riverside cemetery I parked my car and started walking down the Platte. There was nothing worth shooting at here, so I turned east. As I was passing Independence schoolhouse I noticed a beautiful white horse tied in the schoolyard; he was all saddled up, with a long lariat coiled and tied to the saddle. Well, do you know, just then a large coyote came trotting by, headed for the Platte. Quick as a flash, I leaned my rifle on the fence, jumped on that horse, and took out after that coyote. He headed north at the river.



toward the outskirts of Platteville. About this time I tried to lasso him, but missed. He swung, then, around Platteville and back toward Ft. Lupton. At the outskirts of Lupton I made another try at him, and missed again. Now he cut sharply east and as we circled the outskirts of Hudson I got close enough to make a third try; this time missing by a cat's whisker. We were off again toward the sand hills, where the going was so tough for Mr. Coyote that his tongue was dragging in the sand. Here my white steed passed him like lightning, and here I lassoed the wily critter 'round the neck. End over end we dragged him, down Hause's lane, past Power's station, and on and on. That magnificent piece of horseflesh never stopped until we got back to Independence and into the schoolyard, where he took the same position he had before our ride. Something new had been added however; Mr. Coyote, properly subdued, with the rope still 'round his neck, stood dejectedly alongside the horse. The excitement over, I picked up my rifle and headed for Riverside--walking, walking, walking. Finally I realized I was nearing the outskirts of Greeley and it dawned on me that having gone in circles for so long I had become confused. I got my bearings however and, what with more walking, found my car and headed for home--arriving in time for supper."

P.S. "The Whitesides are still talking about that smart little white horse of theirs."

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When walking on the clouds you had better keep a parachute handy.

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Bulletin Board of May 29, 1961: This plant has worked 482 days without a lost-time accident.

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The following is late, but it can not be considered "water under the bridge" as it involves a friendship. In citing the various Mint heads in her farewell letter to the employees, Mrs. Schneider unwittingly omitted one whose friendship she values highly: Cecil Gray. Quick to notice such an omission, Mrs. Schneider has asked that we please "run" her apology.

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From the Mail Bag:

Dear Treasurer: I would like a 1960 nickel and penny. I'm a boy. I have a large collection of coins and need these additions. Please rush.

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Dear Sir: I am 12 years old. I go to school at State Road. Sir would you please send me some 1960 pennies. We are studying about coins. Is it possible, please send 37 1960 pennies for each one in the class. Some of us have never seen a 1960 penny.

P.S.: Please reply. Thank you.

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Dear Sir: I have a used Lincoln penny with a D but no date in good condition. Where or will you buy it. I've been told it is valuable as it is a freak penny. May I hear from you soon as I want to take a nurse's course.



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## FROM THE DESK OF THE SUPERINTENDENT:

More than ten weeks have passed since I received my commission as Superintendent of the Denver Mint. These have been ten wonderful weeks--every hour and every day bringing forth some new and rewarding experience. I have spent a great deal of time reading about the past history of the Mint, as well as the present-day operations. With many of you away on vacation and the shut-down on coining, I have not had an opportunity to visit many of you while on your job, but, now with the settlement completed and the machines back on full production, I will be joining you while at work and be learning from you the real process of coining.

I wish to express my appreciation to those I have met, for their assistance and kind consideration during this indoctrination. I am assured by their attitude and willingness that you, the Mint employees, are a group of efficient, dedicated workers--of which I am proud to be a part.

Many of you have had the opportunity of working with the Settlement Committee (Paul S. Heckman, Philadelphia; Wallace Pruszkowski, Washington, D. C.; Richard Lange, New York; Paul McGuire, New York; and Frank Spizzurri, Philadelphia) for the past weeks. These gentlemen expressed through Mr. Heckman their appreciation and thanks to the employees of the Denver Mint for their cordiality and their fine cooperation during their work period here. As your Superintendent and in your behalf I conveyed to these gentlemen that it had been a pleasure having them with us. I thanked them for a job well done and extended to them an invitation to come again, either officially or as visitors.

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Did you know that:

Printed on all U. S. paper money, on U. S. War, Victory, and Savings Bonds, as well as all U. S. Treasury Department transactions, you will find the Treasury Seal. Have you as an employee of the Treasury Department ever stopped to translate the Latin motto "Septent Amer. Thesaur Sigil" which appears on that seal, or to learn what the imprints on the seal symbolize? Read the following article carefully and then file it for later reference so that you may be among the well informed employees of the U. S. Treasury Department:

"The seal of the U. S. Treasury Department is older than the United States Government. The Continental Congress in 1778 appointed a board of the Treasury, and John Witherspoon, Gouverneur Morris and Richard Henry Lee were



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authorized to design a Treasury seal. The earliest example of the seal is found on papers dated 1782. When the United States Government was established in 1789 the Continental Seal continued in use. The seal was badly worn by 1849, and Edward Stabler was ordered to make a facsimile. The seal which he designed had such minor changes that they were hardly noticeable. The motto on the seal, "Thesaur. Amer. Septent Sigil," is an abbreviation of the Latin Thesauri Americae Septentrionalis Sigillum, which means "The seal of the Treasury of North America." The dots on the shield are the heraldic way of depicting gold; the 13 stars on the bend on the shield are for the 13 Colonies; the scales represent those held by the blind goddess Justice; the key is commonly used to denote office of State. The seal may be attached by several methods, such as direct printing, imprint in the paper by means of a press seal, or by gummed impress wafers, all of which are authentic."

If you should care to learn more about seals, read the article "Seals of Our Nation, States, and Territories" in the National Geographic Magazine, July 1946--which should be available at all public libraries.

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If you are a columnist reader you may be interested to know that it was one year ago this month that the late Ed Koterba, United Feature, Washington, D. C., visited the Denver Mint and had a long talk with the then Superintendent. Some weeks later Mr. Koterba devoted a full column to our organization. (You will recall that Mr. Koterba was recently killed in an airplane accident.)

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Spending the week of July 17 in the Denver Mint were Mrs. Mary Salisbury, Miss Eileen Lusby, and Miss Mary Johnson, all of the Treasury Department in Washington, D. C.

Mrs. Salisbury was recently appointed assistant to Dr. Leland Howard, Acting Director of the Mint. She spent the entire week observing the operation of the Denver Mint.

Miss Lusby and Miss Johnson, who have visited the Denver Mint before, were making a routine job evaluation check.

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We are happy to announce that Howard Peirce was recently given the Gallatin award.

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It was not too long ago we mentioned in this paper that we had a new employee in Personnel by the name of Sandra Eileen Becker. Well, this is to state that there has been a change in name: On July 28, this young lady became Mrs. Harvey L. Crandall. They were married in the office of the Justice of the Peace in Aurora, and spent their 4-day honeymoon in Glenwood Springs, Aspen, and Fairplay.

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Presidential medals were received from the Philadelphia Mint this past week (we received a few on consignment) and may be purchased at the Cash & Deposits office for \$3.00 each.

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Have you noticed the throngs on the front steps these days? Then you won't be too surprised to learn that 9,232 people visited the Mint during the month of July. This number will be exceeded in August as we "lost" two visitor-days in July.

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#### CASH & DEPOSITS CORNER

by A. L. Philippus

Connie LeGrande went on an excursion near Kirwin, Kansas, over the weekend of June 10. There were ten in her party. Hotel accommodations were furnished. Her sister plays on the Jefferson County Soft Ball Team. During one of the games she stopped a fly-ball by quick use of her head and so won the game.

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Mr. & Mrs. W. S. Johnson recently celebrated their 26th wedding anniversary. Many happy returns.

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#### TRIGGER ALLEY

by Hugh Taylor

##### THE MATCH

Urlich and O'Connell with steady poise,  
Glade and Taylor with a lot of noise,  
Betts and Valdez you should see  
As they wave at the target in the height of glee.

The bullets are all tens, you know  
When they are in the box just so,  
But when you line these sights and squeeze,  
You would do better with a sneeze.

First you squeeze one off and scope;  
It's a ten you yell--at least you hope.  
If I could only compensate,  
It would be a ten instead of an eight.

The sweat breaks out when you get a score.  
On time and rapid it is even more;  
The sights fuzz up and the trigger hard;  
You're lucky if they're on the card.

Your eyes flash fire, your hands do shake;  
It will be a 210 if you get a break.  
First a ten, a nine, and thence a four;  
You steady down and get some more.

The noise is gone, the air is clear.  
You look at the score and say "Oh Dear,"  
Thirteen hundred ninety-one's not bad.

For those who laugh with a lot of scorn,  
Who say these matches are a lot of corn,  
The range is open, the target's free,  
Try your luck and we will see.

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## HOT CHIPS

by Alex Rooney

Speaking of summer weather, have you noticed how it brings out the One-Winged Roof Clutchers—you know, the kind with one hand on the steering wheel and the other supporting the roof? However, the weather has its pleasant side: not much on TV, radio, or the girls at the beach.

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(What with no Mint Press last month, the following items may be a bit hoary. Well, they may serve to recall some vacation pleasures.)

Charles D. Davis zipped by the Mint June 5 in the family sedan (loaded down with luggage, wife, and three children) headed east for Wilkes-Barre, Pa.; second stop, upstate New York for a family reunion—first in ten years.

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Earl Maiden (engineer) was all set to get a new Biscayne just like the one Hugh Taylor has been sporting around in lately. He really was, that is, as soon as he could save up two more books of green stamps. His enthusiasm was temporarily cooled however when one morning recently he heard for ten minutes what he thought to be a barrage of tin cans and it turned out to be Hughie revving up his Biscayne. Lately though, Earl has been encouraged; he happened to see Hughie drag racing with the street sweeper, and winning. Bet it would have been a different story had the driver of the sweeper been able to put his monster into high gear.

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Two of Charles Kowalis' sons, both Boy Scouts, took the challenging 50-mile trip down the Yampa River by rubber raft to the junction of the Green at Steamboat rock. One son was on the ill-fated raft that sunk in a whirlpool, all aboard were rescued, but \$450 worth of supplies and personal belongings were lost. It took two days to recover the raft.

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Joe Surber (engineer), his wife, and son Russ (the wrestling champ) vacationed for three weeks in San Francisco and points along the Coast, traveling in their luxury camper. Russ returned to service at Treasure Island.

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The Loyal Slausons and their two children, for their vacation, took a tour of the beautiful San Juan region and, for that matter, nearly all of western Colorado.

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The Charles Wilsons and four children had quite a trip: to Disneyland, Marine Land, and Knotts Berry Farm. They hit Los Angeles in temperatures of 110, 111, 112, but the kids enjoyed it; the nights were cool, like colorful Colorado.

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It was to Yellowstone for the Virgil Coles and children. They enjoyed three days there.

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The Jerry Cielohas had a hot time; they returned from California via Las Vegas and Phoenix. The children stayed home with grandpa and grandma. Well what are grandparents for, anyway? (I should know; there are seven grandchildren out our way!)



The Walt Mattsons stayed home and painted the house. Son Charles graduated with high honors from high school this spring and will enter Colorado School of Mines this fall to study metallurgical engineering.

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Out Mining with Lynn.--Shortly after the turn of the century, when mining was in its heyday in Park County, Uncle Milt Schuck operated a successful barber shop beneath the bank building in the mining town of Alma, Colorado. Lee Pape of Chicago was mucking in one of the mines (much beneath the dignity of his professions), but he was a classy dresser and soon dates with the fair sex came his way.

It was Saturday night and customers were lined up waiting for shaves and haircuts. Lee had waited his turn downstairs, where one sat in a long line of chairs leading to the barber's, moving a chair at a time. He became as restless as a cat with a long tail in a roomful of rocking chairs, as he had a date with a cute French girl and he knew she wouldn't stand for his being late. Knowing just enough about each in that line, he decided to put into use one of his many talents--ventriloquism. Suddenly, from the walk above: "Hey, Jim Mock, if you are down there, I have the \$10.00 I owe you." And, just as suddenly, Jim jumped up: "I'll be right out." All moved up one seat. On and on, Lee worked his hoax, until shortly he was in the barber's chair.

Many wondered what had come over them for getting up and relinquishing their place in line--something rarely ever done on a Saturday night.

Some time after the barber shop incident, Lee was in Fairplay, broke. He was standing in front of the saloon wondering just how he could manage to get a drink and some food when he noticed a team of horses, hitched to a load of hay, owned by a rancher and his son (who, no doubt, were inside imbibing). Said Lee to a stranger happening along: "I'll bet you \$5.00 those ranchers will be so drunk when they come out of there that they will throw that load of hay off on the road." Knowing the father and son, the stranger readily "took him up." It wasn't too long before the ranchers came out and climbed on their hayrack. They--and only they--heard: "Help! You have loaded that hay on me. I am suffocating. Help! Help!" Lee collected, and, needless to say, kept his secret which fared him so well.

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#### COIN BLANKS by Gordon Porter

Although Howard Peirce has been gone several months, his retirement, as far as the record goes, begins in August. Hope he enjoys every minute of his leisure.

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#### Vacation trips

The Claude Sayers family didn't get to Alaska after all; they found driving too tough. Instead, they toured Canada.

Al and Mrs. Swanson toured New Mexico, "taking in" Carlsbad Cavern.

Mr. & Mrs. Fred Bontems went to Pennsylvania.

The Claus Hansens drove to California via Reno.

Heat kept the Dean Bells and daughter from going on to Salt Lake City from Yellowstone.

Leo Madrid and wife did a lot of fishing down Trinidad way. Don't know about any 5-pounders, but do know the family caught over 100 fish.

Mr. & Mrs. Kenneth Eppich went to Bryce Canyon and called on their daughter.



Vacation trips - continued:

It was business and pleasure for the Persmans. After Hjalmar's settlement work in San Francisco, the family toured California, stopping in Glenwood Springs for a swim or two on their return.

Other swimmers at Glenwood Springs: Mr. & Mrs. Dwight Pickett and 2-year-old Mike. Guess Mike gave them some trouble on this score.

A good time in Kansas City, Kansas, was had by Mr. & Mrs. Ray Daniels.

Like the Persmans, the Greenas toured California after Ed finished settlement work at San Francisco.

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Birth: To Mr. & Mrs. Tony Tenorio, a girl. Congratulations.

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Our sympathy to Bill Boner, whose mother passed away in July.

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Mrs. Gordon Porter's mother, Mrs. Nellie W. Kirk, passed away on July 6. Mrs. Kirk had been a resident of Denver for 75 years and she will be sadly missed by her many, many friends.

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#### SERVICE BENEFIT PLAN HAS NEW DEAL FOR SUBMISSION OF CLAIMS FOR SUPPLEMENTAL BENEFITS

Blue Cross has informed us that in three States of this Region there will be a change in the procedure for submission of claims for the supplemental benefits portion of the plan.

Effective August 1, 1961, the local Blue Cross plans of Colorado, Wyoming, and Utah will pay supplemental claims. After this date, employees who receive care in one of these three States will send their supplemental claims to the addresses shown below instead of sending them to Washington as stated on page 22 of the Service Benefit Brochure. If, before the effective date of these changes, a supplemental claim is filed with the Washington office, the employee should continue to submit correspondence pertaining to the claim to that office until it is completed. This will eliminate any delay which might result from verification of satisfaction of the deductible, amount of basic benefits used, etc.

Employees in other States whose local plans are not yet paying supplemental claims locally, may still receive assistance and advice from these local plans on the matter of supplemental benefits.

##### Wyoming

Wyo. Hospital-Medical  
Service  
P. O. Box 2266  
Cheyenne, Wyo.

##### Utah

Utah Blue Cross-Blue Shield  
Supplemental Benefits Dept.,  
2455 Parley's Way  
Salt Lake City 10, Utah

##### Colorado

Colorado Blue Cross-Blue Shield  
Federal Employees Supplemental Benefits Dept.  
244 University Boulevard  
Denver 6, Colorado

When you present your identification card to the Doctor's office or the hospital, be sure to make it clear that you are enrolled under the FEDERAL HEALTH BENEFITS PROGRAM. Some benefits under the Federal program exceed coverage under the other policies issued by the same carrier or insurance company. For instance, Blue Cross-Blue Shield plans not coming under the Federal Health Benefits Program do not include provisions for "supplemental" coverage.



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FROM THE DESK OF THE SUPERINTENDENT:

Our sincere thanks to Donald Nelson, Wendell Reese, and David Wilson for the part they have played in making the past two months one of the most successful tour seasons the Mint has ever had. Their well prepared and delivered talks on the Mint and its operations have been rewarded by many kind words of thanks from the hundreds of visitors.

Don Nelson, who has served in the capacity of guide for eight consecutive summers, will return to his duties as a teacher in the Johnson School in Denver; Wendell Reese, who has served as a guide for six summers, will not return to a teaching assignment in the Denver schools until January as he will be attending the University of Colorado this fall; David Wilson, with five summers' service at the Mint, will be teaching at the Goldrick School in Denver.

We miss these fine young men, but shall be looking forward to their return next summer.

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During the past month we have had the pleasure of visiting with and extending our hospitality to (by a tour of the Mint) Mr. Joseph Webb and his family from Washington, D. C. Mr. Webb is Chief of the Cash Division, Office of the Treasurer of the United States. Under his supervision the uncirculated coin sets are assembled and shipped.

Another interesting visitor was Mr. William Parsons, a former Administrative Assistant, Secretary of the Treasury, who is now living in California. He was accompanied by his son Arthur who is an ardent coin collector.

Also, there were Mr. & Mrs. David Cohn of Washington, D. C. Mr. Cohn is on the staff of the Bureau of the Budget.

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An all-time high of 11,321 visitors signed the Mint register in the period August 1 - September 1, inclusive. Captain Widmer's records also show 32 foreign visitors during this period. The grand total from January 1 through September 1 comes to 34,338.

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By the lovely arrangements of flowers which I have found in my office at various times, it appears that Mr. Jamieson's hobby is gardening.

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CASH & DEPOSITS CORNER  
by A. L. Philippus

Miss Connie LeGrande went on her vacation to Kansas and met some interesting people, including a descendant of Kit Carson, a cowboy, in full regalia. Said he was quite a dancer.

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Mr. & Mrs. Philippus, accompanied by their son Roger, visited their daughter and son-in-law, Mr. & Mrs. D. B. Grandee in San Bernardino, California. They were completely dehydrated after crossing the desert, even though it was at night. They are all glad to be back in good ole' Colorado.

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TRIGGER ALLEY  
by Hugh Taylor

John and Mrs. Gresh vacationed several weeks in the high Rockies, enjoying the invigorating mountain air and sunshine that they so needed.

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Lt. Roy Speck is on sick leave prior to retirement. He came to the Mint in 1935 and spent his first years outside with Captain Widmer, Tom Kelly, and a few of the other old-timers.

While at the Mint he earned retirement as Captain from the Aurora Volunteer Fire Department. Besides rearing a wonderful family, he has been occupied with two mountain properties and, for years, furnished the Christmas trees for the Mint lobby.

Roy enjoyed shooting and often, while on the Guard Force, participated in outside shooting events. The medals he won were envied by all those less adept with the revolver and pistol.

I considered it a privilege, when I started as a guard in 1941, to be a recruit on the same shift with Roy, Val Killian, and Elmer Knapp.

Good luck, Roy, and may you enjoy many more years of happiness.

(Although Roy is presently enjoying a trip to Maine, we may respond for him with the following good-by note he wrote shortly after his last day at the Mint.)

"I would like to take this opportunity to thank each and every one of you for the wonderful association I have had with you over the past twenty-six years. It is indeed gratifying to know that one has so many friends.

"I also want to thank you for the cooperation you have given me as a guard and an officer during this time.

"For the present I do not want to say good-by as I intend to visit the Mint occasionally, meet my friends, and still, in a way, remain one of you."

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We have Carl Hofacker back with us. He is a welcome addition to the Force.

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We also have John Fazio, who transferred from the Federal Center. He started August 7 and is now finding his way around. He was married last February in Denver and likes this city as a permanent residence. He deserted Philadelphia for the beauties of this wonderful State of Colorado.



This spring Frank Lodge had a lawn planted; it came up just like a beautiful green carpet and was the envy of all his neighbors. He and his wife went shopping for herbage and, in the process, were given a big sack of gladiola bulbs. Mrs. Lodge wanted them planted, so Frank started digging up his choice sod to make room for these bulbs. He dug up too much and had to get more bulbs (\$6.00 worth!) to fill the extra space. The latest report is that he is still digging. Good luck on the undertaking, Frank. We hope you have the prettiest place in Northglenn come next spring.

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The Taylors spent their vacation west of Buena Vista among the College Peaks, fishing and hunting rocks. Here, they witnessed a strange phenomenon: a mud flood that originated on Chalk Cliffs at the foot of Mt. Princeton. This area is filled with hot springs. The sulphur water disintegrates the rock and when it rains, great quantities of mud are released and flow off the mountain, carrying huge rocks as though they were chips of wood. One 4-wheel-drive truck was able to cross one of these mud rivers--a condition passenger cars had to bypass.

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Jim Hatzenbuehler is back on the job after a stay at the Veterans Hospital. Glad to have you back, Jim.

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#### HOT CHIPS

by Alex Rooney

Mr. & Mrs. Paul Thomas and two sons took a trip to Moab, Utah, Arches National Monument, Dead Horse Point, and other sights along the way. Paul visited some of his old buddies while at Moab.

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Mr. & Mrs. Jim (Hardrock) Hicks spent a month of sightseeing and rock collecting in the Northwest, going by way of Wyoming, Idaho, Oregon, Washington, and Utah. Jim says Rineville, Oregon was the highlight of their tour, for that was where they found the prettiest and "mostest" in gems in the rough.

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Mr. & Mrs. Charles Kowalis and three sons enjoyed a long trip into Mexico, traveling as far south as Mexico City. They were not too keen about some of the Mexican restaurants. They especially enjoyed their several-day stay on the island of Port Isabel in the Gulf of Mexico, near the southernmost part of Texas.

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Resourceful Bill Steinmetz bought a 6-cylinder Ford bus and converted it into a mobile house with heat, overhead lights, range, sink, beds, and water. So, the whole Steinmetz family enjoyed many short fishing trips this past summer, what with a cafe and motel at beck and call wherever they might be--and ten miles to the gallon too.

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The John Watkins family vacationed at home, giving the house a new look via the paint brush.

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Norman Engblom is taking a week off to do over the inside of his home. He says he'll get it done in one week. We wonder!



The Ted Schrocks are enjoying spacious living in their new home at 1006 West Stanford Place, out Englewood-way. Ted has the best sun tan since he was a little barefoot shaver up Morrison-way; he has been putting in a new lawn, trees, patio, rock garden, and driveways. Says he feels better too.

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The Labor Day holiday storm was a spoiler of all kinds of events and trips over most of the State, setting new records for snow so early in September. Tourists and "locals" alike were stranded everywhere. The Walt Kasubke family had reservations at Glenwood Springs for the weekend, but didn't go. The hotel management was glad, no doubt, for, as it turned out, the hotel lobby was filled with people sleeping sardine-fashion, with long lines of hungry tourists waiting outside every restaurant.

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Tom Story had plans for the weekend, but when the storm struck, Tom looked out the window, grabbed a sandwich, and went back to sleep. Keeping this up three days, he got caught up on his rest--he didn't mind.

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The storm convinced Chester Osesek he needed a new battery for his Olds, but he didn't take action until he was 'most drowned; he was standing on the curb waiting for the "swish-swishing" cars to pass, when a big "Swosh" hit him.

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Out Fishing with Tommy.--Looking back now, we recall September came in rather quietly--only a bit cooler than the day before. In this beautiful weather the Falcon was flying high, wide, and handsome, taking the Maloneys (Sarah, Pat, and Tom) up to lake Glendo in Wyoming to celebrate the Labor Day holiday, fishing. Early Saturday morning found a "gentle" Wyoming breeze hurling 6- to 8-foot white caps at anyone who might venture in. Tommy being of pioneer stock--bold, venturesome, and daring--took off, heading up the Platte past Douglas, coming to a halt where the river was some 200 feet wide. Here, he had never conquered the "Mighty" Platte, and he intended this to be no exception. Methodically he prepared his gear: Now, the buckshot--No. 3. One, two, three (that gentle breeze was still blowing, with just a teenie-weenie gust now and then), four, and, finally, five buckshot. That should do it, he thought, as he cast into the river. Soon the pole rippled with a sudden pull. Tommy set his hook and yanked shoreward, only to get the hook in his thumb. The gentle breeze had lifted all five buckshot and bait out of the water and was tugging on the line itself, about two feet out of the water. By now the angleworms were frozen and Tommy's fingers were numb, but the spirit of the West surged through his veins and he fought on, baiting his hook with frozen worms. The wind persisted, keeping the bait about a foot or two out of the water. Now, the fish had to jump for the bait, and, because their tongues froze to the worms, Tommy was able to haul them in above the water; if he so much as let one touch the water, the fish got away. In this manner, Tommy got a sizable catch of 14- to 16-inch beauties--believe it or not. Again Tommy's perseverance prevailed, and success was his. He forgot, however, to note the mils-per-gallon on the Falcon; up to this time it was doing 27.1.

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"Today the Nation's schools will swing wide once more, amid cheers from thousands of bright-eyed, eager mothers."--Changing Times.

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When Joe Blount's family left the "nest" they flew to faraway places indeed. Some months ago we mentioned that his youngest daughter, Lucille, and her family had gone to Italy for two years. Next month, his daughter Louella (Mrs. Jesse Morton) and her family will leave for Liberia, where Mr. Morton



will act as registrar, as well as teach music, at the University there. Their daughter Patricia will be a student at the same school.

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#### COIN BLANKS

by Gordon Porter

Mark Burkgren has purchased a '61 Chevrolet after having his '55 car stolen---which was later found at 27th and Franklin with one tire blown out. The new car calls for a trip to the mountains this weekend.

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Art Safe is recuperating from a hernia operation performed at General Rose Hospital. We hope he is doing well.

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Mr. & Mrs. Harry Bobay spent the Labor Day weekend at Canon City.

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Two current fishermen: Leo Kennedy and Bill Boner.

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At this writing, young Tom Kasubke takes off for college at Fort Collins, while his parents go fishing at Glenwood Springs.

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Everyone seemed to go somewhere over the long Labor Day weekend--the last holiday before Thanksgiving. (The Porters went fishing--at Estes.)

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Rudy Kluge, feeling in need of a vacation, headed for the hills--somewhere around Basalt, they say.

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#### A Further Word from the Superintendent:

On Wednesday, September 13, I had the privilege of substituting for your Chairman, Alice Ward, at a meeting of United Fund Chairmen from the various governmental agencies. I was dismayed to learn of the low percentage of participation of the Federal employees. Then, this discouraging news was brightened when it was reported that the Denver Mint was one of the two highest rating government agencies in the area last year. Out of 240 employees at that time, 213 contributed to the Fund. The total amount contributed was \$1,750.50. With some fifty more employees this year and with a little more concentrated effort, I feel sure the Mint group will head the list this year--as well as raise the standing of the Federal agencies.

It takes time, patience, and know-how to be a chairman for any drive. Let's each do his part and help Alice Ward in every way possible to make this United Fund Drive one of which we can all be proud.

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Federal Civil Service workers will be given an opportunity of hearing Mr. John W. Macy, Chairman of the U. S. Civil Service Commission, at a luncheon sponsored by the Denver Federal Business Association at the Denver Chamber of Commerce, 1301 Welton Street, on September 28 at 12 noon. Tickets are \$1.75 and may be obtained from Fern Miller. Reservations should be in by September 22.

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FROM THE DESK OF THE SUPERINTENDENT:

With Civil Defense being the No. 1 topic of the day, we will be called on for some definite plans in the near future. Some of you, in connection with your work here at the Mint, as well as others who have been in other occupations, may have had some training in first aid. It is essential that we know just what training our employees have had in order that we can make plans for our training setup. If you now have a first aid card which has not expired, will you please register it with your supervisor or Captain Widmer. Also, if you have ever had any first aid training, make this known to these men so that we will know how many potentials we have in our force.

Arrangements have been made with the Red Cross to furnish us an instructor (Mr. Clarkson Guyer) for a series of first aid classes. The first class was held on Tuesday, October 24, from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. The classes for the remainder of this first session will be held at the same time period on the following dates: October 31, November 7, November 14, and November 28.

Selected to take the first course were four guards (Hugh Taylor, Claude King, James Hatzenbuehler, and James Valdez), six from Coining (Claude Sayers, Mark Burkgren, William Steinmetz, Lloyce Keck, John Watkins, and Eugene Vargas), three from Melting & Refining (James Drehle, Emmett Yager, and Robert Folsom), two from Building & Maintenance (Thomas Maloney and Benjamin Hoglund), and one from the office staff (Connie LeGrande).

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G. W. Wigger, head of the Internal Audit Division, Bureau of the Mint, and a staff of three (Gus Ferguson, Wallace Pruszkowski, and Francis B. Fiere), all of Washington, D. C., arrived October 16 for a routine audit. They expect to complete their audit in about two weeks.

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A nice letter of appreciation was received from Mr. Preeps Chakrabandh, Chief Engineer of the Mint in Bangkok, Thailand, who recently visited our Mint. He wished me to convey his sincere thanks to the guards and the heads of departments who so generously gave of their time to make his visit a most enlightening one.

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In dealing with the public one becomes somewhat immune to the criticism of many individuals who go about this world finding fault with everyone but themselves. So, I had my faith bolstered--twice in the past ten days--when the mail brought two letters from appreciative visitors who had taken time out to express their thanks for their tour of the Mint. They praised the guards in general, then specifically named the guard who had conducted such a courteous and instructive tour. Moral: Do your best at all times.

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#### CASH & DEPOSITS CORNER

by A. L. Philippus

We sympathize with John E. Collins in the death of his mother on Thursday, October 5. Although she had reached the wonderful age of 92, it is always a shock when this happens.

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"Bill" Johnson returned to work September 25 after having enjoyed a nice vacation. He and Mrs. Johnson spent part of their vacation in Del Norte, meeting quite a few Indians in that region.

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We welcome Mr. Abran Gallegos to the Division, who came to work on September 25.

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#### TRIGGER ALLEY

by Hugh Taylor

Lt. and Mrs. Rutledge are the proud grandparents of Frank Leo, born September 30 to their oldest son, Harold Jr., who is stationed at the Marine Air Station, Kaneohe Bay, Hawaii. Frank Leo weighed in at 8½ pounds and is doing fine. If you see Harold missing he will have gone on a trip to see this and other grandchildren in these beautiful and romantic isles of the Pacific.

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Russell Vander Veer is doing fine after becoming the father of a son on September 21. Russell brought in a photo of his son, and the child looks just like his father. Congratulations.

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We regret the death of Sgt. Lloyd Robertson, retired. It was always a pleasure to work with him. After his retirement he occasionally visited the Mint, affording us a bright spot in our every-day schedule. He will be greatly missed by all of the Mint employees. Those of you who did not know "Robby" missed the privilege of knowing a wonderful man.

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Guard Rollo has bought so many groceries for his hunting expedition that the springs in his Mercury have developed a permanent sag. He has staked out a secret place in the Rockies where he hopes he will get some elk. With luck, he should be able to bring back a record number, and we'll all be waiting for that report.

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Sgt. O'Connell and Carl Hofacker limbered up the heavy artillery prior to hunting season on deer and elk. They planned to hunt one Slope or the other--oh well, we will be able to tell you more when they get back.

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Guard Morgan celebrated his 39th birthday (Jack Benny doesn't have anything on Ellis!), and he received a fishing license which entitles him (1) to fish at any time he desires, (2) to stretch the length of the fish, (3) to add the weight of his thumb, and (4) to "enlarge on" the battles he has with these monsters of the Colorado Rockies.

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Alex and Mrs. Rooney had the misfortune of wrecking their new Olds, returning from Oklahoma. Alex was blinded by the lights of an oncoming car and hit a black Volkswagen that was left unattended in the line of traffic. Alex came out of the accident with eight broken ribs, but in fair shape otherwise; Mrs. Rooney suffered a broken foot and multiple abrasions and contusions. They are doing nicely now, but it will take several weeks for full recovery. We miss your wit, Alex; the old diggin's aren't the same without your jokes and wonderful smile.

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George Kenney is a welcome addition to the Guard Force. He started Monday, October 16, and, after a time, will become acquainted with all the employees and the workings of the plant.

After high school he went with the Civil Service Commission in Washington, D. C., where he enjoyed the wonderful humid climate for about a year. Then he volunteered for the Army, with the help of his "neighbors," in New Haven, Connecticut, from whence he hails. During his military career he saw duty in Europe, Canada, and Alaska. At the close of hostilities he ended up stateside and was discharged as a Master Sergeant from the 1st Guard Co., U. S. Disciplinary Barracks, Ft. Leavenworth, Kansas.

He is married to a young lady from his home town, Irene, and they are the proud parents of three boys and a girl. George Jr. goes to North High, is in R.O.T.C., and is quite adept in the use of the 22 and 30.06 rifle. Ann, the daughter, goes to Horace Mann Junior High. David is in the sixth grade, and Mark, the youngest, is just starting kindergarten. It will be interesting to watch these young people grow up. Good luck in this undertaking, George.

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Fred Miyazawa transferred to the Cash and Deposits Division. He had to wait until he could be replaced on the Guard Force. We all wish him the best of luck and hope the new assignment is a pleasant one.

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COIN BLANKS  
by Gordon Porter

Congratulations to Mr. & Mrs. Hjalmar Persman on their 35th wedding anniversary, and on Hjalmar's mother's birthday. His mother, Jennie, was 90 years old on October 20. Her grandchildren are Farrell Ann Persman and Susan and Gary Burkgren.

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Ray Daniels retired October 16. We hope both he and Mrs. Daniels reap the pleasures of retirement for many years to come.

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Justly proud parents:

Mr. & Mrs. Mark Burkgren.--Son Gary and daughter Susan, both attending Colorado State College at Greeley.

Mr. & Mrs. Allen Crabtree.--Son Derwin is majoring in music at Biola College, La Mirada, California.

Mr. & Mrs. Walter J. Mattson, Jr.--Their son is a freshman at the Colorado School of Mines.

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Following the old adage "A Stitch in Time Saves Nine," Bill O'Donnell thought he'd "make ready" with his snow tires. He was in the act of getting them down from the rafters in his garage when the ladder slipped. Whether he had to have one or nine, stitches had to be taken in his arm.

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Two new faces in Count & Review: LeRoy Ortega and Norman Walso. (Note: The pay roll listing of this fast growing Division shows the following additional "new faces": Edgar Anderson, Kenneth Borrego, Harold DelReal, Clarence Hayes, William Horstmann, Michael Lantz, Gilberto Mendoza, George Ramirez, Tom Simms, Louis Shriner, and Robert Stevenson.)

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A recent visit to the Rooney Ranch found all three Rooneys recovering from their auto accident: Alex, from eight broken ribs; Mrs. Rooney, from cuts on the head and a broken foot; and son Don, from concussion.

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We hear Howard Pierce is now with the Colorado National Bank.

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Further notes from the desk of the Superintendent:

Has anyone seen the current issue of Redbook and read the article on Denver by our local author William Barrett? We were glad to note that the Mint was highlighted as one of the places to see. The author, realizing how many, many times we hear the question "Have you any free samples," says that no doubt a guard conducting a tour and not hearing this old saw would be pleased enough to give out samples.

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Mr. Manning attended a federal personnel conference held at the Federal Center on October 18.

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The Superintendent was the guest of Mr. & Mrs. McLaughlin Thursday evening, October 19, at a dinner held at the Albany Hotel by the various credit unions.

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FROM THE DESK OF THE SUPERINTENDENT:

Congratulations to our new boss, Miss Eva B. Adams, who was sworn in as Director of the Mint on October 30. Miss Adams had been named by President Kennedy and confirmed by the Senate on September 23.

Miss Adams, a native of Wonder, Nevada, lists Reno, Nevada, as her home. She taught English and was Assistant Dean of Women at the University of Nevada, her alma mater, before she went to Washington. She has a Master's degree in English from Columbia University, a Bachelor of Law degree from the Washington, D. C., College of Law, and a Master of Law degree from George Washington University.

Since 1940 Miss Adams has been busy helping U. S. Senators run their offices. She was, first, Administrative Assistant to the late Senator Pat McCarran of Nevada, then served under the interim appointee Ernest Brown, and, in 1954, continued with Senator Alan Bible. She resigned from her position under Senator Bible to take over her new post with the Mint.

To many old-timers, having a woman head the Bureau of the Mint will not seem strange, as they can well remember another woman Director, Nellie Tayloe Ross (a former Governor of Wyoming), who served from 1933 to 1953.

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Another item of interest in the national setup is the creation, by Secretary Douglas Dillon and his Under Secretary Robert Roosa, of a new office in the Treasury Department to be known as the Office of Domestic Gold and Silver Operations. The first Director to be appointed to this important office is none other than Leland Howard, our former Acting Director of the Mint.

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To both of the foregoing officers, we of the Denver Mint pledge our united support.

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To you, the Mint employees, goes the credit for a job well done--October's high record. Thanks for your cooperation and the wonderful job you are doing.

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A. L. Philippus is attending a Personnel Management Conference which is being held under the direction of the U. S. Civil Service Commission. Sessions run from November 13 through November 18, at the Park Lane Hotel.

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To attain an award and retain it is a double honor. Late in September the Denver Mint received a Merit Award from the Treasury Department for having 90 percent of its employees on the U. S. Savings Bond pay roll plan. Now, six weeks later, we are in danger of being dropped from the honor roll. This has been brought about by an increase in the number of Mint employees. Perhaps those of us who have tried this bond-buying plan and found how nice it is to build up a little savings account for a rainy day should each try to sell the plan to some new employee or to an employee who has not been participating. If we do lose our rating, let's not have it be said that we didn't make a try.

For bond information, contact the Chairman, Mr. McLaughlin, or your supervisor.

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#### NOTICE

You may place your Christmas candy order with Louie Rhoads any time after November 26. Both Stover's and Jolly Rancher have offered us a special price; in this connection, please see the bulletin board for prices and brochures. All candy will be in Christmas wrappings, with Jolly Rancher offering super decoration on some varieties.

The cut-off date for ordering is December 12.

If you can not contact Mr. Rhoads, please see your supervisor.

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The influenza clinic started on October 9 will end Monday, November 13. This is a large undertaking in any organization, and we wish to thank our nurse, Lois Sullivan, for the many hours she spent giving the shots as well as obtaining the material.

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If you're an old-time Government employee you'll recall the old law regarding holidays falling on the weekend: Sunday, you get it; Saturday, you don't. Although that law was rescinded several years ago, you benefited for the first time, this Veterans Day, from the newer law.

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#### CASH & DEPOSITS CORNER

by A. L. Philippus

Miss Connie LeGrande is currently attending the Red Cross First Aid Course--also intends taking Second Aid. Being the only girl enrolled, we hope this will not encourage an accident incidence. She also has a new pup. For gunny sax!

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We welcome Mr. Fred Miyazawa to this Division. He transferred from the Guard Force.

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October was our highest month in coin shipments. Shipments totaled \$15,872,604.

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## TRIGGER ALLEY

by Hugh Taylor

We all have heard tall tales of fish and big game: the story of the fish which was so large (5 pounds) he couldn't be photographed; the fish so big it took a team of horses to pull it ashore; or the moose which, after eating green hay and thrashing in its sleep, gouged holes so deep into the ground that later, when filled by the spring rains, became the Great Lakes.

October 31, Rudy Jackson stopped me on the parking lot and asked if I would like to see a couple fish that didn't get away. He had them in his truck, and they were beauties; the longest one was 22 inches and weighed, perhaps, seven pounds; the other was a Rainbow with a scarlet stripe down both sides of his silvery body. I had heard of Rudy's big fish, but had never seen any of them. Rudy, you have vindicated yourself; now, if you say the fish weighed 21 pounds, but got away, we will have to believe you.

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Sgt. O'Connell and Carl Hofacker report a very successful hunting expedition. Aside from getting snowed on twice (about 12 inches), and having drinking water freeze in their tent, they had an enjoyable time.

One of the days they had hunted for hours without results until almost back to camp. O'Connell looked up and, just about 50 yards out of camp, there stood a nice black buck watching him. He took careful aim and downed the buck with one shot. Moral: Stay in camp; it saves packing out.

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Carl Rollo got back from the high country but didn't have too much to say about the merits of big game hunting.

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A Word about First Aid.--The Mint administration has initiated a first aid training program under the able direction of Mr. Clarkson Guyer. Such instruction will benefit not only the Mint employees but those they contact outside the Mint. Everyone who takes first aid becomes much more accident conscious, and the end result is fewer casualties at work and at home. It is a wonderful feeling to know what to do and how to do it when you do have a casualty. It may help you save the life of someone you love, or it may prevent further injury in case of an accident.

The splint on that bone may be your own.

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Of Mice and Men.--The little mouse who stationed himself in the Captain's office was not the proverbial "church mouse"--at least, he had no intention of becoming such a lean rodent. This little mouselet, with his little pink nose, had sniffed the food aromas in the neighborhood of the Captain's desk. On November 7, to be exact, the Captain, while munching his morning toast, got the impression his right eye was flickering. Turning his swivel chair some 90°, he discovered the flickering was caused by said mouse trying to scale the walls of the wastepaper basket, the poor little creature, from the bottom of this "pit", had just enough oomph to bounce eye level with the rim. Not only did the good gray Captain give the little fellow some toast, but he set him free--that is, just outside the entrance.

But, that isn't the end of the tale, the little devil turned tail and scurried back into the building. He's now on the loose, but please, ladies, don't become alarmed, for he fell through a grating and is now somewhere in the basement.

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## HOT CHIPS

by Alex Rooney

Harold Hedrick, one of the new boys in the machine shop, was born in Galena, Mo., on October 4, 1931. He attended grade and high school there, and, while in high school, he played on the soft ball and basketball (center) teams. After graduating in 1948, he went to work for the Caterpillar Tractor Co. at Peoria, Illinois, serving his apprenticeship in the machine shop. He entered the service in 1952 at Ft. Riley, Kansas, and, in January 1953, was sent to Korea, where he spent 17 months; he was mustered out in July 1954 at Camp Carson, Colorado. He resumed his old trade, working in Kansas City and St. Louis. In 1955 he married his childhood sweetheart, Gynith Murphy, of Crane, Mo., and, today, is the father of three children: Tonda Lou, Angelia, and Bruce. He moved to Denver in 1958, where he worked for Wright & McGill before coming to the Mint in May 1961.

Gynith, besides having a full-time job as housewife, is active in PTA and in youth groups of the South Side Church of the Nazarene.

Harold's pastime is hunting and fishing. He, Frank Pfanenstiel, and Joe Payne recently enjoyed a successful pheasant hunting trip in north-eastern Colorado.

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Who's Who in American Colleges? Sally and Sandy Mally, beautiful twin daughters of Matthew Gerard Mally, who hail from Loretto Heights College. Sally, a medical technologist, and Sandy, a school teacher, were chosen for this honor by the National Board of Students of America. Congratulations, girls.

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Stu Monahan, who last year in the Tri-County League bowled a 300 game, almost did it again! This time, he had nine in a row before missing and settling for a 277, with a 661 series in the Varsity Classic last week. Nice going, Stu.

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During Indian summer, Mrs. Orpha Hall and son Willie took a trip to Breckenridge while the quaking aspens were in all their painted glory.

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Out Hunting with Norm.--A few years back Norman Engblom while fishing up in the Williams Fork country went way back over yonder and discovered a virgin lake nestled in a place where man had never set foot--a paradise for hunters and fishermen. What's more, the lake was black with ducks.

All that summer we tried to get him to take us to that lake; finally, he said, "Get your cousin Willie to come out to Colorado during duck season so we can hunt as well as fish." It was agreed, and, on the appointed day, we loaded up the big black Roadmaster with all kinds of gear (sleeping bags, etc.) and took off at dawn. We arrived at a nice place along the way and decided to do a bit of fishing. We parked the Buick, climbed a high hill, and slipped down a steep grade to a fine stream where we caught about six nice Rainbows. Returning, we stopped suddenly when Norm pointed to a spot down in a meadow and asked "You know what's down there?" No, we didn't. "It's a nudist camp," says Norm. Just then cousin Willie shrieked "Lookie, there's a pair of binoculars hanging on that tree." "Well, I'll be....," says Norm, "I wondered where I had lost them."

We fished some more at another stream farther west, and continued fishing downstream until long toward evening. We found the car--much to Norm's enjoyment--and fixed camp early so we could get a good start in the morning. Norm had said it would take a good two days packing in to get to that virgin lake. The first day went by without incident, as well as the daylight hours of the second day, but night of the last day closed in ahead



of us. If you think climbing down a heavily wooded hillside in the dark and making camp in pitch darkness on a steep, rocky slope is any fun, just try it. However, Norm wouldn't hear to our going down to the lake; we'd scare the ducks, he said. We couldn't, anyway, the flashlight was in the car--with the matches. As we finally settled down to welcome slumber, cousin Willie said, "I keep thinking I hear babies crying." "Keep quiet," scolded Norm, "and go to sleep; you hear happy ducks; they think there's not a human soul within 20 miles of them--that's what you hear."

Came the dawn, and a military arsenal seemed to explode, the gunfire being punctuated by the shouting of kids. It seemed the Forest Service that summer had bulldozed a road up to the lake, and now a small army of campers (with family along) were camped below the lake and they too had planned an early start.

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The Rooneys wish to thank everyone for the beautiful cards and plants they received while recovering from their auto accident; also, they appreciated their many callers, every kindness was a great help.

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#### IMPOSSIBLE

There is no fire  
Without flame,  
There is no erring  
Without shame.  
No hurt was ever  
Minus pain.  
Each kindly act was  
Not in vain.  
There never was a  
Greater love,  
Than that sent by God  
From above.

--Louis J. Huber

#### ASSAY

Born November 13, 1961 to Mr. & Mrs. Ernest Hartman, a baby boy.

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#### COIN BLANKS

by Gordon Porter

We're sorry to report that Frank Clark and his granddaughter were in an auto accident at Patton Court and Mississippi. The impact caused Frank to fall from the car, and, although he had his granddaughter in his arms, the child was not hurt. Frank was taken to Denver General Hospital.

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Born November 9, 1961 to Mr. & Mrs. Charles Schwieder a 6-pound 4-ounce baby boy--Frank.

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Clarence Kendall recently took a week off to go back East.

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The Allen Crabtrees recently visited Mrs. Crabtree's mother in Eckley, Colorado.

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New Ford owners: Tom Duzenack and Ben Vanhille.

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Mr. & Mrs. Leo Madrid, on a recent trip to Trinidad, got their limit of pheasants.

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Further notes from the desk of the Superintendent:

A membership drive for the Denver Federal Business Association is now in progress. Any federal employee is eligible for membership. Dues are \$1.00 a year. Application forms may be obtained from Mrs. Miller. The next regular meeting of the Association will be at the Air Force Finance Center, 3800 York Street. It is a luncheon meeting (\$1.35) at 12:15 p.m. on Tuesday, November 21. Mr. Benjamin C. Essig, a member of the Selection and Promotion Board of the State Department, will be the speaker. Reservations may be made through your Superintendent.

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You will be interested to know that a final report from the office of the Chairman of the Downtown Federal Agencies, United Fund Campaign, shows Mint participation as follows: 264 contributors, \$1,704 total.

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Congratulations to Kenneth Eppich on receiving (November 2) an award pin for 25 years of service.

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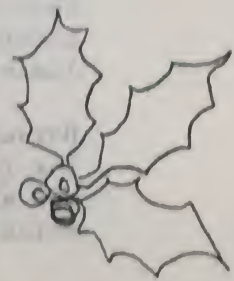
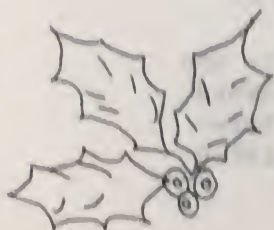
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## FROM THE DESK OF THE SUPERINTENDENT:

This issue introduces to you two more new appointees of the Treasury Department: Mr. Michael H. Sura, who, on December 1, was sworn in as Superintendent of the Philadelphia Mint, and Mr. Frank Campbell, who became Assistant Superintendent on the same date.

Mr. Sura was formerly Procurement Commissioner of the City of Philadelphia. He replaces Mrs. Rae V. Biester, who has held the post for the last eight years.

Mr. Campbell, who has been Assistant Chief Clerk of the Philadelphia Mint for many years, was named Assistant Superintendent following the retirement of Paul S. Heckman, the former Assistant Superintendent. Both Mr. Heckman and Mr. Campbell have been on Settlement Committees at the Denver Mint and are well known by many of our employees.

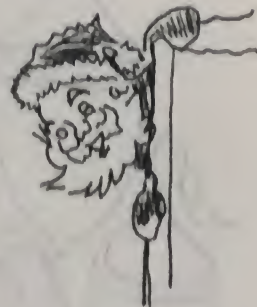
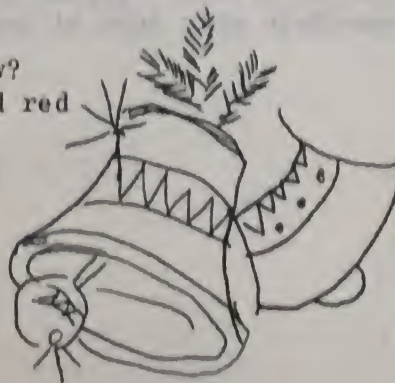
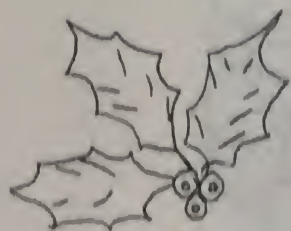
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The following employees will receive service award pins during the month of December:

20 years . . . . .	Clifford R. Hicks	- 12-20-61
	Richard T. O'Connell	- 12-29-61
25 years . . . . .	Hjalmar J. Persman	- 12-16-61
	Hugh J. Taylor	- 12-19-61
30 years . . . . .	Carl F. Hofacker	- 12-28-61

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What though upon his hoary  
head  
Have fallen many a winter's snow?  
His wreath is still as green and red  
As 'twas a thousand years ago.  
For what has he to do with care!  
His wassail-bowl and old arm-  
chair  
Are ever standing ready there,  
For Christmas comes but once a  
year.





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Congratulations to the following Denver Mint employees who have been given cash awards this month for their splendid improvement suggestions which they submitted under the Treasury Department's award program: Kenneth Chase (Melter A) received \$20 for suggesting installation of a safety guard on the controls of the electric melting furnaces; Laurance A. Miller (Electrician) received \$15 for suggesting the use of guards on the push-button controls of cranes--which could result in a yearly savings of \$200.

There were two group awards: One concerned alterations to the induction melting equipment to increase the power input to the furnaces; the other concerned the adoption of rammed furnace linings to replace crucibles in ingot melting operations. Awards in the first category will go to Charles M. Miller, John D. Jamieson, Frank Urich, James Glade, and Earl Lichtenwalter; awards in the second went to Charles M. Miller, John D. Jamieson, Thomas P. Maloney, and Paul Thomas.

You too may have some splendid idea which, if made known to the Bureau, would result in an operation improvement as well as a cash award for you. If you think you have a worth-while suggestion, ask your foreman about an application blank. It is the suggestion which is submitted which wins an award, not the one you keep to yourself.

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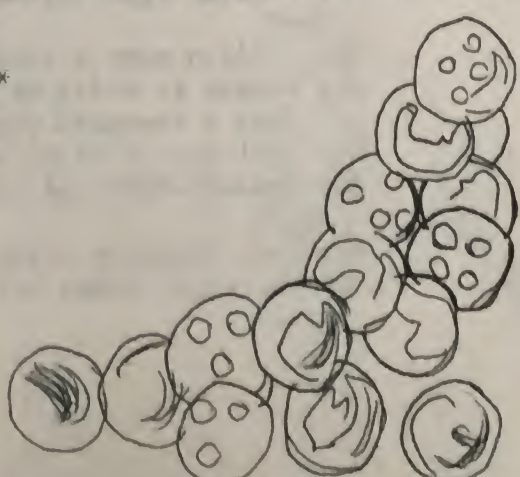
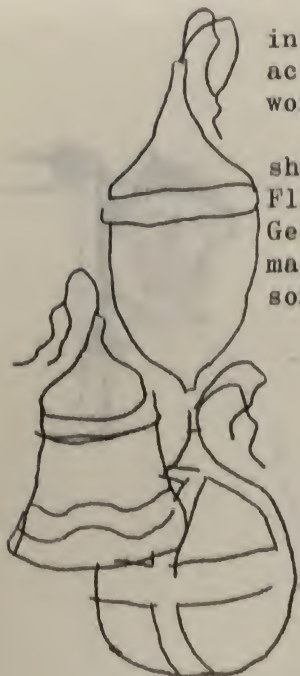
Tuesday, December 12, brought to a close a long period of Government service for our nurse--Lois Leeper Sullivan. As you may know, she has been in charge of our First Aid Emergency Room since April 1955. She will be retiring with 21½ years' service to her credit.

Lois Leeper was born in Douglas County, Missouri. She obtained her nurse's training at San Francisco General Hospital, and nursed at the Army Hospital at Ft. Bayard, New Mexico, in 1921 and 1922. In 1923 she married Dr. Bayard Sullivan in Denver, where he was taking special training at Fitzsimons Hospital. After completion of his training they moved to Palo Alto, California; here, he went in to general practice. Dr. Sullivan passed away in 1936. In 1942, Mrs. Sullivan took a position, similar to her Denver one, at the U. S. Mint in San Francisco. During World War II she served as an Army nurse at Ft. Ord for 2½ years, after which she returned to her assignment at the San Francisco Mint. In 1955, when the San Francisco Mint closed, Mrs. Sullivan was transferred to the Denver Mint.

Besides her regular duties, Mrs. Sullivan has been very active in the Mint Employees Association, having faithfully and efficiently acted as their Treasurer. With her quiet and kindly manner she has won the highest esteem of those with whom she came in contact.

Mrs. Sullivan will leave December 16 for Lubbock, Texas, where she will spend some time with her daughter and son-in-law, Mr. & Mrs. Floyd Cuff, and their five children. Later on she will visit a son, Gerry, and his wife and two children, in Portland, Oregon. She has made no definite plans for the future, but presumes she will locate somewhere near some of her family.

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Recently a new Management Improvement Committee was formed. The purpose of this committee is for the continuing effort toward achieving further improvements in operations and procedures toward the end that we will continue to be the best and most efficient Mint in the world. This committee will meet regularly each month to consider problems, suggestions, and/or criticisms to increase the efficiency and production of the Mint. Any employee with a problem or a suggestion for improving operations or procedures is invited to submit it to the committee for consideration. This can be done orally through any member of the committee or written (signed or unsigned) to the members or chairman for consideration at the monthly meeting.

Following are the personnel of the new committee:

1. Mr. James J. McLaughlin, Head of Accounting Division - Chairman
2. Mr. Bruce B. LaFollette, Superintendent of Coining Division
3. Mr. Charles M. Miller, Superintendent of Melting & Refining Division
4. Mr. John D. Jamieson, Mechanical Assistant to Superintendent
5. Mr. Albert L. Philippus, Head of Cash & Deposits Division
6. Mr. William A. Manning, Personnel Officer
7. Mr. Edward W. Widmer, Captain of Guard Force
8. Mr. Richard A. Merrill, Assayer
9. Mr. Louis T. Monahan, Assistant Chief Clerk

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#### NOTICE:

Beginning Friday, January 5, 1962, and each Friday thereafter, if the demand warrants, Mrs. Alice Sampson, a credit union representative, will be available to answer any and all questions regarding the credit union and its services.

Mrs. Sampson will be located in the Captain of the Guards' office from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. each Friday and will be happy to meet members and non-members who have any questions regarding the credit union.

This service, provided by the credit union, is only one of the benefits accruing to members of the Federal Credit Union.

Recently one of our employees, who was a member of the credit union, passed away. This employee had a share account of \$1,080.00 and a loan balance amounting to \$540.00. His widow will receive a check for \$2,160.00 and the \$540.00 loan will be cancelled. This is one example of benefits received by membership in your credit union.

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#### BOND PARTICIPATION - As of November 27, 1961

	<u>Number of employees</u>	<u>Percent participation</u>
Superintendent's Office	2	100%
Assist. Supt. & Chief Clerk's Office	7	100%
Assay Division	6	100%
Accounting Division	9	100%
Cash & Deposits Division	16	100%
Personnel Office	3	100%
Coining Division	120	95%
Melting & Refining Division	63	95%
Mechanical & Building Division	42	76%
Guard Force	22	73%

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The Mint Employees Association wants to wish everyone a happy holiday season and to express their regrets that owing to the 3-shift operation they were not able to complete their plans for a dinner dance for the employees this year. Although it is somewhat like promising someone a milk coat and giving them a handkerchief, nevertheless they hope you enjoyed the candy which was substituted for the party. They also hope that next year they will be able to have a real celebration.

Art Drehle, President  
Mint Employees Association

Mr. Lindsay Brand, Assistant Secretary of the Treasury of Australia, visited the Denver Mint on December 1.

CASH & DEPOSITS CORNER  
by A. L. Philippus

Dave Fiest developed a case of blood poisoning after giving a pint of his blood and had to be hospitalized for treatment. The Doctor left orders for hot water packs to be placed on the arm. The Corpsman felt that if hot water was good, boiling water would be better, so used this instead. This raised a king-sized blister on Dave's hand which required another week of treatment. Now Dave is back and thinking things over.

COIN BLANKS

by Gordon Porter

Mr. & Mrs. Walter Judge have recently returned from a trip to South Carolina where they visited their daughter and son-in-law--Mr. & Mrs. J. R. Hammel. Needless to say, their grandson and twin granddaughters (Jan & Jane) were big attractions.

Congratulations to Mr. & Mrs. Mike Gallardo on the birth of a 9-pound, 4-ounce son (Anthony).

Ed Beston (retired) paid us a visit last week. He is looking fine, but said his wife had been in the hospital for a short stay because of arthritis.

Congratulations to the following ex-bachelors: Don Madrid was married to Opal Maes, and Art Romero married Marie Olguino--a girl from his home town, Trinidad.

We were sorry to hear that the Tamura's 6-year-old son, Douglas, entered Porter Hospital on December 1 suffering from intestinal flu.

Our sympathy to Mr. & Mrs. Claude Sayers who recently lost their 14-year-old daughter.



Francis Rieger was looking better when I went to see him at the VA Hospital. He says he will be on his way home as soon as the Doctors have finished the tests.

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A Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. --- G. Porter

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#### TRIGGER ALLEY

by Hugh Taylor

Earl Schramm went to his great reward Sunday, December 3, at about 11:30 a.m. He worked the midnight shift, returned home, spent a time at church, and then had gone to bed. Shortly afterward, his wife heard him having difficulty breathing. She investigated, called the Doctor for assistance, but, before help could be obtained, Earl had succumbed.

Earl was to be admired for the devotion he showed to his family and his church. Through his and Mrs. Schramm's inspiration their son Ray has gone to Regis College and is now a sophomore doing a wonderful piece of work storing knowledge that will stand him in good stead in the years ahead.

Earl came to the Mint November 11, 1943, left for the service May 27, 1945, and returned July 17, 1946. November 25, 1951 he came on the Guard Force. He was well liked by all his fellow workers, and was a capable person. He will be missed by all who knew him.

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You may enjoy the following; it was reprinted from THIS WEEK MAGAZINE and was written by Roger Hull, President of the Mutual of New York:

"Have you ever asked yourself this question: If every citizen performed just as you do, where would the country be? What if every fellow worked at his job the way you work, showed the same interest, the same diligence, the same faithfulness, the same skill and discipline? What would happen to our country?"

"Someone has aptly said that there are really only two kinds of people: those who are part of the problem, and those who are part of the solution.

"Do you think only in terms of yourself--how much you can make, what you can get out of life? Those who think that way are definitely part of the problem.

"Or are you concerned with the contribution you can make--how much you can give, how much you can put in? People like that are part of the answer.

"Some people treat life like a slot machine, trying to put in as little as possible, and always hoping to hit the jackpot. But I believe that people are wiser, happier and have more inner peace when they think of life as a solid, intelligent investment from which they receive in terms of what they put in. And by so doing they help preserve our free society."

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William Newkirk transferred December 9 to the Soil Conservation Service of the Department of Agriculture with a raise in grade. He is to be admired for taking advantage of opportunities as they come up.

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On December 19 the Mint will have finished two sessions of first-aid instruction. This second class has been taught by Mr. Jack Buchanan of the Red Cross and has had in attendance the following employees: N. Phillips, R. N. Bishop, W. J. Mattson, W. J. Beston, W. W. Hewett, A. J. Crabtree, J. H. Glade, L. Rhoads, F. L. Wallace, C. F. Hofacker, F. J. Lodge, C. R. Roos, F. Miller, J. Morr, K. Chase, and J. Frielinger.

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### THE LURE OF GOLD

Gold, the theme of the ages,  
The lure since time began--  
To toil for meagre wages  
With the pick and the sluicing pan.

With his stake and pack on a burro's back  
The sourdough searched the hills.  
For the one great find he drilled and mined  
And placered a thousand rills.

The gulches he trudged and slopes he  
nudged  
For a vein or a color hint  
He wore out his hopes on barren stoped  
With never a "take" to the Mint.

But his hammer's clink on cliff and chink  
Brought the camps of another day,  
That long have passed to the winter's blast  
Unfended in gaunt decay.

In a wider field the yellow yield  
Men of far vision sought;  
They gleaned for ore in the tunnel's bore  
And teeming marts they brought.

They dreamed of a day when the shining  
pay  
To a thundering stamp mill rolled;  
When the glory blast should open at last  
The door to wealth untold.

When the rumbling dredge should quit  
the edge  
And hit the jackpot square,  
And the glittering grain through the  
vibrator rain  
To the "quickie" table's snare.

And fruitless was much of this toil  
and pain  
And much to the wind was sown  
But some seed fell on a fertile plain  
and returned to the sower his own.

And Time on his magic carpet brings  
To the ghost towns of yesterday  
A promise of far more glorious things  
Than ever were taken away.

Where the humble donkey plodded a trail  
A broad, smooth highway sweeps;  
And high in the sky with the daily mail  
The plane o'er the hilltop leaps.

For Time and Tide for no man wait,  
And change runs swift and deep.  
From the ox train to a mighty State  
Is ours to have and keep.

But the dream of gold is a siren of old.  
Though the wanton wench play with them still,  
Staunch men endure to follow the lure  
Of riches--and always will.

by Harvey Good  
of Hendrie & Bolthoff Company



# MINT



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January 1962

FROM THE DESK OF THE SUPERINTENDENT:

With the rush and excitement of the holidays past, as well as annual leave having been taken, we are faced by a challenge: "1962." Reports show that the Denver Mint made an enviable record the past year. This leads to only one conclusion: we must uphold that record and strive to make this year even better. If each of you will go along with me, in pledging to do your job to the best of your ability and putting a little extra effort in your performance this year, you may rest assured that we will finish 1962 with flying colors.

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On January 2, 3, and 4 we were honored by a visit from two top officials from Washington: Miss Eva Adams, Director of the Mint, and Dr. Leland Howard, Director of the Office of Domestic Gold and Silver Operations. Dr. Howard, who has made numerous visits to the Denver Mint, spent his time visiting the various departments and talking over operations and future plans. Miss Adams, who was on her first visit to the Mint since her appointment on October 30, had a busy time trying to visit and observe the operation of each department and to meet and shake hands with as many of the employees as her short day-and-a-half here would permit. It makes me very happy to report that Miss Adams was very much impressed with the personnel and had nothing but praise for the fine job they were doing. I think I can fairly say that the new boss measured up to our expectations also, and we shall be looking forward to her next visit.

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On Wednesday, Miss Adams, Dr. Howard, and Mr. Reddish were luncheon guests of Mrs. Miller in the Carte Blanche room at the Hilton Hotel. Thursday noon Dr. Howard, Mr. Reddish, and Mrs. Miller were luncheon guests of Mr. Cal Puckett, Vice President, and Mr. Harvey Stempel, Cashier, at the Denver Branch of the Federal Reserve Bank. Other guests were Mr. & Mrs. D. H. F. Somerset. Mr. Somerset is in charge of monetary affairs for the Bank of England. After lunch the Somersets were taken on a tour of the Mint.

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Notice.—It will be appreciated if the foremen of the different divisions will apprise Mr. Urich of any instances where the Mint Employees Association should send flowers. There may well have been occasions since Mrs. Sullivan's retirement where flowers should have been sent to an injured or ill employee, or his immediate family, but weren't inasmuch as the Association was not informed. Again, Mr. Urich is acting in this capacity.

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For the past seven years the Treasury Safety Council has sought your support of the observance of "Falls Prevention Month." This annual observance in January each year has resulted in a reduction in the number of injuries by falls from 34 in January 1955 to 17 in January of 1961.

Despite this fine improvement, falls continue to lead the list of causes of injuries to Treasury personnel.

The Council has recommended that the entire year of 1962 be devoted to the prevention of falls through better housekeeping and the elimination of hazards, improvement in attitudes and habits, and other effective means. I urge your full support in this safety endeavor.

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January 16 was the seventy-ninth anniversary of the signing of the Civil Service Act, by President Arthur. In these 79 years we have grown from a nation of 54 million people to one of 180 million.

The Federal employee can take satisfaction in knowing that he is one of a corps that have been picked for their competence, that continue in employment because they continue to demonstrate that competence in their work. He can also take satisfaction in the fact that Government has developed an up-to-date personnel system, complete with employee benefits and privileges, that compares favorably with the practices of progressive private industry. And he can take pride in serving a Government that is the leader of the Free World.

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At the annual meeting of the Federal Credit Union held in the Albany Hotel on Saturday, January 13, 1962, Mr. Ed Tippet won the door prize. The prize was a weekend for two at Glenwood Springs.

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Ed Greeno (Foreman, Rolling Room) is still on the sick list although he is home now. We hope he is recovering rapidly after undergoing surgery recently at St. Anthony's Hospital.

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William Manning and Helen Lail received their 20-year service awards this month. Congratulations.

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#### CLAIMS FOR CALENDAR YEAR 1961

Some of the Health Benefits Plans such as the Indemnity Plan and the AFGE Plan, operate on a calendar year basis. The calendar year runs from January 1 through December 31 each year. Employees enrolled in plans operating on this basis should submit claims for expenses for medical services and supplies incurred during Calendar Year 1961 as soon as they have complete records. Early submission of claims after the close of the calendar year will permit prompt payment of benefits to employees, and will make it easier to work out adjustments or to obtain additional information if required.

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## YOU CAN TAKE IT WITH YOU

Did you know a Krona is worth 19.33 cents?

One of our carriers knows the value of the Krona. They found out through necessity. It is an interesting story, illustrating the far-reaching effects of the Federal Employees Health Benefits Program.

Mrs. Carlson retired from the Government service early last year, and since she had been covered by the Health Benefits Program during her employment since the time of her first opportunity to enroll, she was able to keep the same coverage when she retired.

Retirement offered an opportunity to satisfy a long-standing ambition to visit the land of her ancestors, so Mrs. Carlson set sail for an extended trip to Sweden.

Sightseeing was a pleasant change from the routine years of working; but the pleasure of just being a tourist in the Land of the Vikings came to an abrupt halt when Mrs. Carlson broke her leg. Instead of enjoying the comforts and services of a hotel, our traveler found herself in the Malmo Allmanna Sjukhus, in Malmo, Sweden. Here she received the best of care, but 42 days in a hospital in a strange land, far from home is not a pleasant situation. The bill totaled 3834 Kronor! The blow was softened, somewhat, when Mrs. Carlson found that the bill would be paid direct by her insurance carrier back here in the United States. From the hospital, she moved to the Betaniastiftelsen (clinic of the Betania's Foundation) to complete her recuperation. Here, her bill amounted to 1549 Kronor. Mrs. Carlson paid this amount and was reimbursed promptly by the carrier. She did have to pay for some extras, such as coffee, (in Sweden?), but some of the extras, such as soap for a bath, were paid for by the carrier.

Altogether, Mrs. Carlson's unfortunate experience cost 5949 Kronor, 65 Ore. (\$1150.07); the carrier paid 5385 Kronor, 14 Ore, leaving Mrs. Carlson a bill of 566 Kronor, 51 Ore (\$109.51). Since all of the bills and related documents were in Swedish, computed in Kronor, it was necessary to translate each one and convert the bills to dollars. The language and exchange difficulty did not delay the processing of the claims, and all payments were made promptly. The case has been closed to everyone's satisfaction.

You'll never convince Mrs. Carlson that you "can't take it with you"--that is, into retirement and to the far corners of the world.

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### CASH & DEPOSITS CORNER

by A. L. Philippus

Coin shipments from the Denver Mint reached an all-time high in 1961. Total shipments amounted to \$97,084,916. This was \$16,000,000 more than 1960 and \$12,000,000 higher than the previous high reached in 1959. This did not take into consideration fine gold bars shipped.

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Connie Le Grande acquired a new addition to the family! She is now a proud aunt.

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Dave Fiest injured his hand recently while stamping bars. First aid administered by Bill Johnson, under the supervision of Connie, produced excellent results.

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Chuck Davis just acquired a new Rambler.



## HOT CHIPS

by Alex Rooney

Norman Engblom has been laid up with a partially dislocated disc in his back.

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Glen Woodrow took some time off during the beautiful weather in October to do some painting and build a new bathroom--all done up in pink.

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Charles Phillips, ex-Chief Engineer, fell November 17 on an icy sidewalk at 32nd and Speer, breaking his hip. This hospitalized him for three weeks, but he is up and around on crutches now, we are happy to report.

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Tom Maloney was extra busy around Christmas and it was not altogether due to the holiday rush; it was because of his daughter's approaching marriage. Barbara and the lucky boy, Michael Verlee of Denver, said their vows at St. Marks Episcopal Church on December 23 at 1 o'clock. Good luck, kids.

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One hundred sixty-three ballots (8 of which were blank) were cast December 12 for the 1962 officers of the Mint Welfare Association. Results were as follows:

President: Bob Folsom - 143  
Vice President: Frank Pfanenstiel - 144  
Treasurer: Frank Urich - 140  
Secretary: Helen Lail - 138  
Director: Leo Madrid - 136

Each candidate picked up votes for each of the other offices on write-in votes.

Bill Johnson got a vote each for President and Vice President; Captain Ed Widmer and Charles Higgins, one each for Treasurer; Agatha Cook picked up three votes as Secretary; and A. Mares, C. Rollo, Ed Greeno, and Darrell Smeaton, a vote each for Director. Also, one vote for "A. Lulu"--where he works, we haven't found out!

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Ralph Langhorn attended all the home games of the championship Golden Buffaloes at Boulder this past football season. Said Colorado's last-few-seconds stem-winder over Kansas was the tops--lucky boy.

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The Paul Thomases were hosts recently at a slumber party for the small fry of the Pioneer Girls group of the Holly Hills Community Church. This was the start of a busy holiday season for the Thomases; it ended when Paul went up to Mt. Harris to bring back the church boys (including son Kenny) from Snow Camp Id-Ra-Ha-Je.

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The Henry Roberts are as cozy as "a bug in a rug" these days, having installed a new hot water heating system. Smart fellow, he left the old system in until the new one got underway.

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Leo J. Madrid was born February 19, 1930, in Trinidad, Colo., to a family of five boys and four girls. He attended grade and high school there, playing on the football and basketball teams, but track is where he hit his niche, excelling in the mile run. Upon graduation from high school in 1948, he enlisted in the Navy for four years. He was sent to San Diego for basic training; then to Bayonne, N. J., in the storekeeper school of supply and disbursing for 16 weeks; and then was assigned to destroyer USS R. K. Huntington, on which he cruised around the world to such places as Australia, New Zealand, India, Hong Kong, Japan, and China; thence through the Red Sea into the Mediterranean with the 7th Fleet; and on to France and the Arctic. He was discharged in Norfolk, Va., in March of 1952.

He completed two years at Trinidad Junior College and one year at Adams State College at Alamosa, Colo.

March 26, 1960, he married his childhood sweetheart, Linda Valdez of Trinidad. They have an adopted daughter, Loretta Jo, who is one year old.

In April of 1956 he left his job as butcher for the Busley Supermarkets to enter the Mint Service; he has been in the press room ever since. In the last election of the Mint Employees Association, Leo was elected Director. Congratulations, Leo.

Both he and his wife enjoy fishing, and their favorite area is near Estes Park: the Big Thompson and Fall River.

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For years Frank Urich has had a dream of wondering what it would be like to have his car go dead on him in a line of heavy traffic on a viaduct. Well, Monday evening, January 8, during that terrible snowstorm in Denver, Frank was inching his car along and stopping, inching along and stopping, over 16th Street viaduct (with thousands of other motorists all over Denver creeping the same way) when a space seemed to open in front of Frank. His dream had come true; he couldn't inch! His battery was dead. Did he get an icy leer from anyone when he abandoned dead Chevvie and took off in quest of a battery? Not a bit, for 100,000 cars were stalled before that storm was over.

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An orchid to Ralph Langhorn for his timely assistance, January 8, to stranded Mint motorists in the yard. He was "Johnny-on-the-Spot" with his trusty 4-wheel-drive Jeep. Some didn't fare so well though once they got into the snarled traffic. I know one who took three hours to get to Alameda and Federal Boulevard.

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One beautiful day before January 8, Keith Montgomery helped his 72-year-old neighbor cut off a large limb of a big tree. Keith acted as anchor man, and uppermost in his mind was his concern that the limb might fall on his pickup truck—which was under the tree which supported a 20-foot ladder, with the neighbor atop. So, Keith gave such a terrific pull that the limb landed on his own fence—taking out three posts, no less. This kind deed called for his taking annual leave Monday, January 8, to repair the damage. He called in about 10:00 a.m. saying he guessed he wouldn't fix the fence after all, there being so much snow on the ground he couldn't find the fence.

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During that hectic night of January 8 when batteries and chains were going like hot cakes, Wade Gose left the building to drive his car home; it was parked on the street outside of the Mint lot. On finding it wouldn't even turn over, Wade hightailed it over to Gates factory store to get someone to put jumpers on his battery and start his car. They opened the hood--no battery!

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It seems no one likes to work the graveyard shift, but Allen Crabtree can be thankful that last Tuesday he was working this shift. He left his home that afternoon to pick up his daughter at school (which took about a half hour); on their return, they found smoke pouring out of the house. Allen rushed to the basement and found flames spewing out the front of the furnace. After shutting off the stop valve, Allen discovered that a cap nut on the bottom of the solenoid had worked loose, allowing the core to fall out and so sent out a stream of gas, which had ignited. No doubt but that the house would have been lost had Allen been gone longer.

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All through the severe weather Joe Surber, who drives the farthest (from Idaho Springs), never missed a shift or was late. Nice going, Joe.

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Parson Webster phoned the local Board of Health to ask that a dead mule be removed from in front of his house. The young clerk who answered thought he'd be smart;

"I thought you ministers took care of the dead," he wisecracked.

"We do," answered the parson, "but first we get in touch with the relatives." --The Lion.

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#### TRIGGER ALLEY

by Hugh Taylor

Floyd and Mrs. Betts are the proud parents of a baby girl. The baby is doing nicely, and the parents are in the best of spirits.

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Lt. Wallace is sporting a new 1962 Chevrolet. After almost 20 years of fighting the troubles that other people got rid of, he finally got a jewel of automotive engineering and reports everything works as it should.

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Alex Mares broke down and bought a 1961 Chev, slightly used, but he reports it performs better than what he expected. Even in 20° below-zero weather it has started off as though a summer breeze were blowing.

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It is good to see Claude King back on the job after a bout with a chest condition that kept him home for over a week.

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Carl Hofacker is to be congratulated on becoming Sergeant. Keep up the good work, Carl.

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COIN BLANKS  
by Gordon Porter

Our sympathy to Jerry Cieloha who recently lost his brother Charles, a resident of Greeley.

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Tough luck, but it could be tougher: Harry Bobay's new Galaxie (only 4900 miles) was burned. The insurance company will cover.

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Bill O'Donnell has returned to work after an illness of three weeks. He could feel better.

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Joe Shaball paid us a visit. He looks good and appears to be thriving on doing nothing.

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The National Health Agencies and Federal Service Joint Crusade will be held this year during the period February 15 to April 1, and has been strongly endorsed by President Kennedy. Material (pledge cards, etc.) for this drive will be given to the Mint by the end of this week and should be in the hands of the Division heads shortly thereafter.

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Mark Burkgren left January 26 for Youngstown, Ohio, where he will represent the Denver Mint at a conference with the Ajax Company. Representatives from Washington and the Philadelphia Mint will also be in attendance.

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Messrs. Woodrow, Jacobsen, Rhoads, and Thomas are well into their assignment at Fort Knox, having left Denver on January 8.

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An official visitor to the Mint on January 23 was Mr. James E. Smith, Corps of Engineers. His object was to see what we have available in the way of Civil Defense shelter.

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Bill Boner suffered a painful injury to his hand, January 19, while on duty.

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FROM THE DESK OF THE SUPERINTENDENT:

Thanks to antihistamine and cough syrup, most of the employees have recovered from the aftermath of our subzero weather and are back at work in full force. Many of the new men who have been serving as general helpers have been assigned to definite jobs; and, with few exceptions, the third shift which we started hiring last July is almost complete. We have a coinage delivery of 718,180,000 pieces to meet between February 12 and May 25, 1962--which means that each employee will have to concentrate his efforts in order that this goal may be reached.

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This issue will introduce two new employees who each of you will surely meet. First, there is Mr. William E. Summers, a mechanical engineer, who is working out of the office of Mr. LaFollette. Mr. Summers has degrees from Colorado School of Mines and Colorado University. He has served with the U. S. Corps of Engineers at Buckley Field and has been employed by the Bureau of Reclamation, Standard Oil Co., and the Rocky Mountain Arsenal.

Then, coming into our daily routine on February 26, is Miss Ruth Young who will fill the position of Mint nurse, this position having been vacant since the retirement of Lois Sullivan last December. Miss Young is a native of Princeton, Pa. She received her nurse's training at Jameson Memorial Hospital in New Castle, Pa., with additional training at Youngstown, Ohio, and the University of Pittsburgh. She spent three years in Phoenix, Ariz., where she served as an office nurse and laboratory technician. In 1955 she came to Denver, where she served two years at the USAF Hospital at Lowry Field; and, from 1957 until the present time, at Fitzsimons General Hospital.

Both of these new employees have an important part to play in the operation of our plant. Let's help them along by making them feel welcome and giving them our fullest cooperation.

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Mr. Behram Maneck Mistry, Works Manager of the Indian Government Mint at Bombay, is completing a training visit at the Denver Mint. He has been here since February 7 and has been familiarizing himself with Mint operations. He is a graduate engineer, and, in connection with his training program, has recently completed a semester of graduate work at the University of Michigan.

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The noise and work activity between the City and County Building and the U. S. Mint are in conjunction with the City's air-shelter program. They are boring under the street to connect to the artesian well at the Mint and thus be assured of an uncontaminated water supply for their shelter.

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And, speaking of shelters, the January 1962 issue of Safety Bulletin (Treasury Safety Council) reports:

"The much publicized Fall Out Shelter pamphlet for civilian consumption is now available at Post Offices. There has been no determination as to the means Treasury should use to bring the availability of the pamphlet to the attention of personnel throughout the country. Meanwhile, you might want to obtain a copy to be in a position to answer questions your fellow workers may have."

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CASH & DEPOSITS CORNER  
by A. L. Philippus

Bill Johnson, foreman of the deposit melt room, returned to work after having been laid up for over a week. Fortunately, Bill seems to be in good shape again.

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Dave Fiest became the proud papa of a new boy on February 8. Since the boy upsets the sleeping accommodations of this tranquil home, Dave says he would have been happy with anything but a boy.

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The son-in-law of Mr. & Mrs. Philippus left February 13 for a 2-year assignment in France with the Air Force. Marilyn is staying with her parents until such time as she can join him.

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Glen Woodrow seems to be the healthiest man in this Division, having accumulated 1,754 hours of sick leave.

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TRIGGER ALLEY  
by Hugh Taylor

Lt. Rutledge attended, on January 28, an all-city, high school choir presentation at City Auditorium. His son Richard was one of the many young people selected from the city to perform in this hall. This son, incidentally, has been in the choirs of Morey Junior High and West High--where he was in the Christmas tree group.

Besides being a budding Caruso, Richard is accomplished in the techniques of radio; he holds a 2nd class radio operator's license, and, except for a lack of mathematics, would now be a 1st class operator--he is working hard on this and will soon meet this requirement.

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Captain Widmer has been driving a disreputable looking car since the big snow storm, but it turned out to be the same beautiful, dependable Buick once it had a good wash job.

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Since the chinook winds are blowing and the ice has melted up Hogback way, the Mayor of Hogback can't resist the urge to string and mend fence. Not having been raised on a farm, he forgot a small item: stretching the wire over hill and dale before tacking it to the posts. He put the stretcher on the wire and pulled it tight enough to play Yankee Doodle in E flat, to be heard across the valley. He pulled the wire down to a post, took off one of his safety gloves, and picked up a staple and drove it home. It was the last tap on the post that "did" the job: the post, hammer, and Rooney went sailing off into space. Let's not be giving John Glenn any competition. If we are to string fence, let's do just that and leave the ether to the astronauts in their orbital flights.

I've been told by old (50 years or over), reliable fence builders from Wisconsin that the best place to keep staples is in the mouth.

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The First Aid Course has been progressing well. Messrs. Hill, Kowalis, Urich, Roos, Lodge, King, and Taylor have completed the advanced course, and, by the time this is published, most--if not all--the foregoing "first-aiders" will have completed this section.

Under the able direction of Mr. Jack Buchanan all of us have learned a great deal concerning the human body and how to help the sick and the injured. Those employees who did not meet Mr. Buchanan missed an opportunity of becoming acquainted with a wonderful and knowledgeable person. If the men who graduate from this course absorb even a small part of what this instructor has offered, they will have a wealth of knowledge.

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Since the weather has warmed up and the snow and ice have gradually disappeared from the streets and parking lots, there have not been any tow trucks around to haul off new Chevrolets that won't start. Of course, this is most unusual.

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#### COIN BLANKS

by Gordon Porter

Homer Flinn, formerly with the Air Force (which sent him to such separated places as Korea and France), has now joined the Mint--Count and Review.

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Thomas Kasubke, son of Mr. & Mrs. Walter Kasubke, is now stationed at Fort Carson.

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Bill Sexton was off a couple of days with the flu, as was Collin Lascy.

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Harry Diehl is home recuperating from a hernia operation. Another such victim is Loyal Slauson. We hope they both have a speedy recovery.



Ed Greeno is doing much better now. Says he will be in as soon as the Doctor gives the word.

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New car owners: Bill Boner, a Comet; Gene Vargas, an Impala.

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## HOT CHIPS

by Alex Rooney

William Otteson was born in Gill, Colorado, (just east of Greeley), to a farm family of three boys and two girls. He attended grade school and high school at Gill, and was on the high school baseball team--3rd base, the "hot corner." After graduation, in 1940, he farmed until 1945, at which time he entered the Service. He was placed in the Infantry at Camp Hood, Texas; then was sent to Fort Ord, Calif.; he ended up in the Pacific area, where he spent two years. Mustered out of service at San Francisco in 1946, he went back to farming. During this period he met Wilma Edwards of Fort Lupton; they were married in 1949. After this big event, there was a stay of six months in Chicago, then back to Colorado. Bill secured employment with Davis Brothers drug firm and was with them until he became a "Minter" in March 1956. He started in Count and Review, and later moved to the annealing room.

Bill is quiet, reserved, a good worker, and well liked by his fellow employees. Mrs. Otteson works for the Walter S. Cheesman Realty Co. Their only son, Gregory, is 11 years old. The family's hobbies are photography, archery, and ice skating--in that order of preference.

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The beautiful summer-like weather we had been having came to an abrupt halt early Saturday morning, the 17th, when a surprise storm dropped about nine inches of snow. Many who were taking advantage of the fine weather were caught short. There were: Keith Montgomery, who didn't quite get his fence repaired from the falling tree limb; John Hunt, who lacked about three days of completing an out-of-door job at his rancho in beautiful Bear Creek valley; and Earl Maiden, who was refinishing the woodwork of his Wheatridge home and replacing five storm windows shot out with BB's by some vandals (who also did the same damage to about 15 other houses).

This same storm caused Joe Surber's car to "conk out" on him in Clear Creek Canyon. But, typical Surber luck, the first man by gave him a lift to within a short distance of the Mint, so Joe wasn't late.

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How long does it take a man to clean off a foot of snow from a car, with a whisk broom? Ask Tom Story.

He isn't exactly the Bull-of-the-Woods type, nor is he one to let a difficult situation get the better of him, but, in explosive fashion, he lets you know he wears the pants at home--that he is the head of the house. At close of day he prances over to the wash bowl, cleans his dirty hands (no attention to the face!), changes from greasy clothes to traveling clothes, then back to the bowl--now draped in a large bath towel and tummy tucked in--to complete the clean-up job. As he scurries for the exit you might hear him say he has an important problem to conquer or a task-of-consequences to achieve. Later, we happened by, and what did we see: same individual out hanging up the family wash.

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Shades of Jim Bishop! Far be it from me to write about a relative, but this concerns brother Mike.

Mike, who is a safety engineer with the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers at Hardin, Mont., was having a hearty breakfast after a trying time the day before. He had consumed eggs, bacon, coffee, and four pieces of toast when his lovely wife, Vera, decided to put the toaster away. What happens but the bottom of the toaster falls off and with it a well toasted mouse! They moved to another motel and bought a new toaster. That breakfast won't be "made up."

Still speaking of Mike and Vera, they wrote of some of the signs they saw while driving through Idaho:

"Grizzly bear feeding grounds. Count your children and hide your honey."

(In a sagebrush field): "It is unlawful to catch salmon or trout in this area."

"Petrified watermelons. Take one home to your mother-in-law."

"It is uncanny, there are no rest rooms in this area."

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Mr. Reddish is presently attending the American Legion Commanders conference in Washington, D. C.

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Guard Morgan is home now recuperating after a sudden attack which sent him to the hospital. We all wish him a speedy recovery.

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March 1962

FROM THE DESK OF THE SUPERINTENDENT:

Since our last issue we have had the honor of some very distinguished visitors: Mr. Philip Neisser of Washington, D. C., Technical Adviser to the Director of the Mint, was with us February 28, March 1 and 2. He was checking on the processing of silver into coin. On March 12, Mr. Jack Miller, Chief Annealer in the Philadelphia Mint, arrived for a 5-day study of the Denver Mint's annealing process. On March 19, Dr. Leland Meyers, Superintendent of Melting and Refining at the Philadelphia Mint, came for a week's review of Denver's M&R Division. Also arriving on Monday, March 19, were Mr. G. C. Wiggins of Washington, D. C., and Mr. Joseph Boland of the Philadelphia Mint, who, with our Mr. Harry Lawrence, spent the week making a survey of the entire coining process. During the week of March 26, Messrs. Wiggins, Boland, and Lawrence made a similar survey at the Philadelphia Mint.

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On February 27, Alice Ward and Superintendent Fern Miller attended the 1962 Campaign Awards Luncheon at the Hilton Hotel. Some 400 United Fund workers were guests of a group of UF top supporters. These ladies were happy to bring back to the Mint a gold plaque, which the Mint received for having attained 100 percent of its quota in last fall's drive. The beautiful plaque has been hung in the main hall, near the picture of President Kennedy. Take a look at it and feel proud that your contribution helped win this award.

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Bruce LaFollette and John Jamieson have been working on a detailed report of our coining operation, which has been requested by the Royal Mint of London. In 1949 two gentlemen from the Royal Mint visited the Denver Mint; they are now in the process of modernizing their equipment, and it seems now that they are in need of some advice as to how to carry out their plans. It's getting to be a small world! One of these days, amongst travel orders for some of our men to go to Fort Knox, Philadelphia, New York, or San Francisco may be one for someone to fly to London to help out.

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Congratulations to the following employees who were recently awarded service pins: Clarence C. Taylor, for 20 years; James Glade, for 25 years; and Arthur E. Safe, for 20 years.

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Mr. Reddish and Mr. Manning will be leaving for San Francisco the first week in April to attend a regional personnel conference.

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#### Mint-0-Log

The Philadelphia, Pa., Mint dates back to 1793 and is still operating; the New Orleans, La., Mint operated from 1838 until 1909; the Charlotte, N. C., Mint operated from 1838 until 1861; the Dahlonega, Ga., Mint operated from 1838 until 1861; the Carson City, Nev., Mint operated from 1870 until 1893; and the Denver, Colo., Mint was first decreed a United States Mint by act of Congress in April 1862--just 100 years ago. The old building and machinery of the privately-owned Clark, Gruber & Co. was purchased by the U. S. Government for the Denver Mint. Its operations were limited to melting and refining and assaying. In 1892 the functions were limited to assaying. In 1895 Congress passed an act providing for a new mint building, as well as machinery which could coin both gold and silver. The present Mint site was purchased in April 1896, but building operations did not start until July 1897. The building was not completed until September 1904, and the coining program did not get started until February 1906. (Quarter-dollars were the first coins made.) From that date to the end of the fiscal year, June 30, 1906, 2,132,250 pieces were coined, namely in gold: 620,250 double eagles, 439,000 eagles, and 189,000 half-eagles. In silver there were 128,000 half-dollars, 196,000 quarter-dollars, and 560,000 dimes. There is no report of coinage of silver dollars, nickels, or cents during this period. It is quite a different story now: during the month of February 1962, the Denver Mint coined 192,632,240 pieces, or over 90 times as many coins as in that first five months. Of course, they did not have as many and as efficient machines as we have today. The first year's crew numbered 155, and an interesting fact was that 32 of them were women. Frank M. Downer was Superintendent from 1904 to 1913.

Incidentally, we are interested in and working on a history of the Denver Mint. If any of you know of any facts or tales which might add to that history, be sure to let us know about them.

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#### CASH & DEPOSITS CORNER

by A. L. Philippus

Mrs. John E. Collins was operated on March 14 and is now recuperating at her home.

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During the last cold spell Bill Johnson's furnace went out--as did Ted Schrock's. Both men looked pretty "blue" when they reported for work.

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Connie LeGrande recovered completely from a fall in her home. She fell off a 10-foot stairway, but luckily it was from the fourth tread from the bottom.

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Did you know there are 23 States that have a town called "Cleveland?" Must have run out of names!

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The mother of Dave Fiest passed away Friday, March 23. She would have been 71 on Sunday, March 25. Burial was in Iowa. Our deepest sympathy is expressed to Dave and his family.



## COIN BLANKS

by Gordon Porter

(Congratulations to the following: to the Arthur Thornez, on the birth of an 8-pound boy; to Benjamin Vanhille, who was recently married to Miss Frieda Eich; and to Mr. & Mrs. Mark Burkgren, who celebrate their 25th wedding anniversary on April 3 (they have two children, Gary and Susan).

Our concern over the following mishaps: a dislocated shoulder, suffered by Don Sondgeroth while practicing judo (he's going to get the coveted black belt); and a clipped knee bone, which happened to Mrs. Jerry Cieloha when she slipped.

Our sympathy to Walter Mattson: his father, Walter Mattson, Sr., a Denver resident 53 years, died March 27.

Welcome to these new faces in Coining Division: Ned Martinez (in Count & Review) and Isaac Salaz, strip annealer.

Transfer: Victor Thaete, from the rolling room to the carpenter shop.

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## TRIGGER ALLEY

by Hugh Taylor

Captain Widmer took off a couple days to make the first move in 27 years. Except for a few complications, the operation was a complete success. He can now indulge in his favorite sport, fishing, with no trouble at all as the new place is within walking distance of Sloans Lake. His new home has all the modern conveniences, but you can get "crossed up": when you attempt to turn on the kitchen light, you may start the Waste King disposal; or, turn on the HiFi, and the house gets hot. You have to be an electrical engineer to keep all these new gadgets working as they should.

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Barry Wallace went to New York on the Collegiate Basket Ball Tournament and had himself a ball. He brought back some unusual trophies not connected with basket ball.

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Frank Lodge has bought a 1959 Packard. We haven't seen it yet, but, from the reports, it has all the "go" one would ever need in an automobile. We will all be waiting for some good reports on this latest purchase.

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Ellis Morgan was under the weather for about a week, but he is on the job now. He doesn't have all his pep back, however he should be in top shape for the first day of fishing at Bonnie Dam.

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The Taylors had a wonderful time March 23, 24, and 25 at the State High School Basket Ball Championship Play-offs at the Coliseum. Neither Denver team won, but it was good sport.

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We miss the wit of Guard Rollo, who left the Mint Service on March 3, 1962, by transferring to the Bureau of Reclamation. He was a constant source of good humor and a pleasure to work with. We will all miss him, but wish him success on the new assignment.

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## HOT CHIPS

by Alex Rooney

Earl Anthony Gray (electrician) was born June 13, 1914, at Breckenridge, Minn., to a family of three sons. While in high school, he played end and quarterback on the football team; however boxing (middle weight) was his main athletic accomplishment. After graduating from Breckenridge High School in 1932, he continued in amateur boxing, though this was cut short in 1936 by spinal meningitis. As he wished to stay on in the fighting game, he took out a second's license in Minnesota.

The next three years Earl worked as a switchman for the Great Northern Railroad, where his father was general yardmaster. His father, by the way, spent  $6\frac{1}{2}$  years in the Navy during the Spanish-American War, at which time he piled up an impressive record: the Battle of Manila, the Boxer revolt, the Philippine insurrection, and a trip around the Horn in the old "Oregon"--before the Panama Canal was built. So, "like father, like son," Earl entered the Navy in 1939; he had 22 years' submarine duty, and saw action in World War II, such service taking him to nearly every port throughout the world.

During the course of his service he met Evelyn J. Dahl, a hostess for Travelers Aid Society at Penn Station, New York, and later, in 1950, they were married. They have three children: Carolyn (10), Cheryl (5), and Jeffrey (4).

In June 1961 Earl was mustered out of service. Hoping to find a job as sportscaster, he took an examination at Columbia University for radio and television announcing. It turned out there were no openings then, so he came to Denver, entering the Mint Service November 13.

Earl's hobbies are golfing, bowling, hunting and fishing--when he can get time to go.

What with Earl having served as MC on many occasions during his hitch in the Navy, he should, we think, be a good candidate for MC at the Mint picnic when we have it again. How about that?

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The spring-like weather brought out the two storeroom "Jims" (Cosby and Hill) to do precisely the same thing: rake that heavy, dead mat of grass off their lawns left by the long, cold winter.

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Bill Johnson (foreman, deposit melt), big chief of the Arapahoes said he was awfully sorry that his Del Norte Indians beat our Evergreen team in the Class A consolation title in the State high school tournament at the Coliseum, "...but they just had to do it." Jefferson County didn't do too bad: Jefferson lost to Pueblo in the "AAA" for the consolation title.

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The "East Berlin Wall" that Tom Maloney and his crew have been building in the east sector of the basement washroom is nearly finished. For some time now we have been expecting to see cannon protrude through it, but, so far, none have made an appearance.

Tommy added stature to his team when he obtained Victor Thaete from the rolling room; this transferee is doing a good job in the carpenter shop.

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Miss Ruth Young paid us a visit recently and complimented us on the clean condition of the boiler room. For this, we thank you, Miss Young.

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A sign on the rear of Larry Funk's car reads: "If you drink like a fish, then swim; don't drive." And that's good advice.



Charles Davis took full advantage of the beautiful weekend by employing his whole family in the planting of 3/4-acre of grass.

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Earl Maiden, with help from Keith Montgomery, took a large, old desk we had, and, with lots of elbow grease (with remover and varnish from Tom Maloney's department) made it look better than new. So now we have a much more desirable piece of furniture and one that won't collapse. Thanks for the improvement.

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Frank Urich took advantage of the 67° temperature last Sunday by taking his family out Stapleton way to watch the big planes come and go. Some contrast from January 8, on the viaduct, huh, Frank?

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A fellow by the name of Jack Browne has a very nice home on top of Lookout Mountain, and therein lies a tale:

In the early 20's a man from the corn belt of Iowa was owner of the property. He had been trying to eke out an existence from this land for some time, and, all the while, taxes were piling up on him. (Today's taxes, by comparison, would be a mere "drop in the bucket," but a dime looked larger then!) Then one day the present owner, Jack, rode up the mountain in his fine buggy--luggage compartment, etc.--and stopped to chat. The Iowan looked longingly at the horse and buggy, then blurted out, "Jack, I'll trade you my shack and 80 acres for your set-up. I want to get back to Iowa." Well, the trade was made.

Today, people admiring Jack's home and acreage, say, "Jack, aren't you ashamed of yourself, taking advantage of that poor fellow? You took his home and land and gave in return a measley horse and buggy!" "Whoa," exclaims Jack, "let's 'turn back the clock' to the time of the trade. Scene: The Iowan shaking hands with his friends and bidding them goodbye. Friends: "What? You traded that desolate ground and shack for this beautiful horse and buggy? Didn't you rook Jack?" Iowan: "That isn't half of it. Wait 'til Jack goes over to Golden and finds out he's got to pay taxes on another 80 acres I 'slipped in' on that deed!" (Today that land is about \$2,000 to \$3,000 an acre.)

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A man was notified by his psychiatrist: "If you don't pay your bill I'm going to let you go crazy."....The Lion

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A good memory test: What did you worry about this time last year?

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"Integrity and wisdom are essential to success in every business," said the boss to a new employee. "By integrity I mean that when we promise a customer something, we must keep that promise even if we lose money." "And what is wisdom?" asked the new man. "Don't make such fool promises."

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He who thinketh by the inch and talketh by the yard deserveth to be kicked by the foot.

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Of course the meek will inherit the earth; they probably won't have enough nerve to refuse it.

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## God and Silence

The vastness of a midnight's inky sky;  
The awesome splendor of a day's grey dawning;  
The warmth of a high-noon's glowing sun;  
The grandeur of a twilight hour;  
The freshness of the earth's awakening;  
The peacefulness of its sleeptime...

The sleep of a Babe in a manger crib  
The deeds of a seeker and saver of men;  
His rugged cross against a sky at dusk;  
The grief of mourners at His tomb;  
The stillness of His empty sepulcher;  
The wonderment atop Ascension's Mount...

The hush of meditation's moments;  
The solemnness of prayer-bent heads;  
The strength of a soul to heaven's music set;  
The radiance of hope's sure flame;  
The might of faith's assurance;  
The majesty of love's steadfastness...

Through silent things like these, He says:  
"Be still, and know that I am God."

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FROM THE DESK OF THE SUPERINTENDENT:

Miss Eva Adams, Director of the Mint, paid a visit to the Denver Mint on April 25 and 26. Our only regret was that she could not have stayed longer. Her friendliness, together with her ability and understanding, serves as a booster shot for all employees who have the opportunity of meeting and conversing with her. Come again soon, Director, so we may all become better acquainted.

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The Denver Mint has been very proud of its 90 percent participation rating in buying U. S. Bonds through the Payroll Savings Plan. We shall not be able to hold on to that rating unless those of you who are not investors find that you can now start such a savings account. By so doing, of course, you will be performing a service to our Country. You, the new employees, are urged to contact your supervisor or the Bond Chairman, Mr. McLaughlin, to find out how you too may participate in this program of "Saving for Yourself and Freedom." This program is heartily endorsed by the Secretary of the Treasury, Douglas Dillon.

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The Washington office has announced, in recent letters, the selection of Frederick W. Tate for the position of Assistant Director of the Mint, the promotion of Gunnar C. Wiggen for the position of Assistant to the Director (Chief Accountant), and the promotion of Sidney F. Carwile for the position of Supervisory Auditor (Internal Auditor).

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Among our many visitors in April was Edward J. Heid, from the office of the Secretary of the Treasury, Washington, D. C. Mr. Heid was accompanied by L. E. Hill, Assistant District Director of Internal Revenue, and William Coara of the Intelligence Division, both from the Denver office.

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Mr. Philippus, Cash & Deposits Division, has the responsibility of shipping all valuables which leave the Denver Mint. On April 14 he oversaw the shipment of the most valuable cargo he has ever handled when he sent his daughter Marilyn to France to join her husband, who is with the armed services there.

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The Mint employees bade a fond adieu to and expressed their best wishes for Assayer Richard Merrill, who tendered his resignation some time ago but continued to serve until April 27. Mr. Merrill has served in the Denver Mint for 28 years. He and his wife plan to leave for the East in the near future, where they will visit their children.

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Mr. Earl F. Haffey of Durango, Colorado, was sworn in as Assayer by Chief Justice Edward Day, in the office of the Superintendent, on Monday morning, May 7.

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Mr. Albert Scalin, a chemist in the New York Assay Office, is helping out during the transitional period in our Assay Division.

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Ruth Young, the nurse, and Frank Urich, acting for the Employees Association, have been busy lately with their "sunshine" duties. Messrs. LaFollette and Diehl are still reported hospitalized, whereas Messrs. Boone and Burchfield have been dismissed.

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You probably all remember your school-days story of John Alden who went courting Priscilla, not for himself but for his good friend Miles Standish, and Priscilla's famous answer: "Why don't you speak for yourself, John?" The Denver Mint has a "John Alden" in none other than John Jamieson, who is always ready to say and do something for someone else, but never a word about John.

My first knowledge of a great honor bestowed on Mr. Jamieson in 1945 came to me from Dr. Leland Howard (former Assistant Director of the Mint, and now Director of the Office of Domestic Gold and Silver Operations--a newly created branch of the Treasury Department). Then, only this past month, a copy of a letter sent to Dr. Howard from a retired Colonel of the U. S. Army, Henry D. Cragon, arrived at the Denver Mint for Mr. Jamieson. Mr. Jamieson honored me by letting me read this letter, as well as some very interesting news clippings from the DAILY TELEGRAPH, the MORNING POST, NASHVILLE TENNESSEAN, and the NEW YORK TIMES--dated from April 10, 1945 to July 18, 1945.

The letter was written to congratulate Dr. Howard on his new appointment in Washington, but the writer went on to express his continuing gratitude to Dr. Howard and to John Jamieson of the Denver Mint and Ted Schiercke of the U. S. Assay Office in New York for the part they played, together with two men from Great Britain, in weighing and evaluating the vast fortune confiscated by the Third Army after the fall of Germany. This loot was made up of millions of dollars in European currency, thousands of gold and silver bars, and diamonds and other valuable stones (which included the crown jewels of many of the ruling families of Europe). Also in the loot were beautiful pieces of statuary and art taken from the churches and museums, and boxes of gold and silver teeth, together with hunks of gold made by melting down dentures, which had come from the concentration camps.

These three Americans chosen to serve on this 5-man board of experts spent approximately four months in Frankfurt on the Main, in Germany. They worked under the supervision of Colonel Henry Cragon, who was custodian of all German confiscated wealth in Frankfurt. Their helpers were American GI's.

We at the Mint realize that Mr. Jamieson has what it takes to be an expert, but only by chance have we learned that his capabilities have had national and international recognition. If words may substitute for an Oscar, to you, John Jamieson, we present the Mint Award for 1962.

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We welcome the following new and/or transferred employees:

Jack Stuart, chemist, formerly with the Bureau of Mines, Mt. Hope, W. Va.; to the Assay Division.

Richard E. Lord, mechanical engineer, from private industry; to the Coining Division.

Charles Bowman, Jr., and Albert W. Pittman (the latter from the Coining Division) to the Guard Force.

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#### CASH & DEPOSITS CORNER

by A. L. Philippus

Dave Fiest has a son who is certainly not "the least" in school. Jimmy, who is 8 years old, is a straight "A" student in St. James Parochial School. As of now, Jimmy's ambition is to become a cowboy.

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Coin shipments in April totaled \$24,557,093. This figure is the largest in our history for silver and minor and is slightly larger than the entire shipments for 1950.

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#### COIN BLANKS

by Gordon Porter

Harold and Beverly Achziger are the proud parents of a new baby girl--Malinda Lee.

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John F. Archuleta, our new employee in the rolling room, transferred to the Mint from the Post Office.

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Mrs. John R. Watkins recently underwent surgery at Presbyterian Hospital. We hope that by this time she is well on her way to recovery.

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Congratulations to Mr. & Mrs. Raymond Johnson; they have a baby boy, Ray, Jr., weight 9 pounds.

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Harry Diehl, we're sorry to say, returned to the hospital on April 23.

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Bill Slauson, 16-year-old son of the Loyal Slausons, had a hernia operation recently.

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Charles Wilson has returned from Skaggs, California, where he reported for Navy Reserve duty. The temperature there, he says, was an enjoyable 70°.

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TRIGGER ALLEY  
by Hugh Taylor

April 18 found Sergeant and Mrs. O'Connell at the Celebrity Sports Center pool; their son and daughter (Terry & Karen) were participating in the swimming championships. Karen placed 6th in one event, but Terry didn't place. Better luck next time, Terry.

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Ellis Morgan and Charlie Roos went fishing the latter part of April. Leave it to Ellis, he had stocked up on beans, pancake flour, syrup, butter, and all other necessities for a week of camping. Anyone is welcome on these trips, but he must bring his own bacon and eggs.

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This year Frank Lodge has come out even on his plantings--last year he had to buy additional bulbs, even after having been given a nice big sack of them. He has been looking for a Norwegian redleaf maple and should have it by now.

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Lieutenant Wallace finally had to get rid of the 1951 Chevvie. It had 175,000 miles on it and, believe it or not, never had a wrench on the motor. But, horrors, he bought a Mercury with about 25,000 miles on it, affording Barry transportation to school.

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In the recent past, Captain Widmer had another bout with the gout. It is strange that only the rich have been bothered with this odd malady--an attack on the big toe.

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Our new guard, Charles Bowman, was previously employed at the Denver Post Office. He is married and has one son, Bob. Bob, it seems, is going to follow in his father's footsteps by going into the Service. Charles' war years were "rocky," to say the least. During his service in the Air Force he saw action in both Europe and the Pacific. On September 21, 1943, his plane was shot down about 55° north of Australia, however he and the others managed to get to an uncharted island in the Coral Sea. They were later picked up by the Japanese and spent the remainder of the war in a prison on Honshu Island. When he was released he was sent to Madigan Hospital, Tacoma, Wash., then to El Paso--altogether about 18 months in hospitals recovering from the incarceration.

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HOT CHIPS  
by Alex Rooney

The Frank Elliotts didn't let any grass grow under their feet when they hit Denver town from Sidney, Nebraska, about a month or so ago: Son Phillip, to East High School; daughter Darlene, into nurse's training; wife Beverley, a job at Ridge Training Home in Wheatridge; and, Frank, to the Mint. Frank is the new man on the janitor force who has the air-cooled pipe--which came in handy these past few days what with the mercury hitting 90° on May 12.

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John Watkins bought a "new" 1961 Ford Fairlane; it's the economy-packed Ford deal and contains many extras. Congratulations on a nice looking car, John.

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Manuel Vargas didn't accompany his wife to church on a recent Sunday morning, and it's a good thing he didn't, as he mid-wifed a beautiful little toy poodle puppy into being from their prize black and white toy poodle. Daughter Wilma no doubt got the honor of naming it--probably "Lulu."



Talk about trick pipes, Darniel C. Goings has one he calls his yo-yo. It looks something like a doughnut, thick on one side and thin on the other; you can roll it like a hoop, throw it like a ball, or turn the stem around and smoke it, by heck!

If you want evidence of how rich America is, just look at the price tag on what it calls an economy car;—*Changing Times*.

A beatnik was watching an old man who was roasting a chicken in his back yard by slowly turning a spit over one of those portable barbecue grills. Beatnik: "I don't want to buzz you Dad, but your monkey is on fire and your music has stopped." —The Lion.

We are threatened today. The threats are from within our Nation, as well as from outside its borders. We can survive this age of danger only if we have a widespread awakening to the fact that support of our system of freedom, of this Nation under God, stands above any other responsibility. We must imbue our youth with the knowledge of the richness of this heritage they are now enjoying, and we must arouse within them a determination that this heritage shall not be lost. This is pride of patriotism. In every community throughout the land we must have patriotic demonstrations of true Americanism paraded before all our citizens to strengthen their faith and recharge their loyalty. The ramparts we watch are the ramparts of freedom. We must protect them with all our strength.

Let us never forget that a free society is not possible and has never been possible without men and women working to gain it, and, having gained it, remaining ready, willing, and able to make sacrifices for its protection.—*Life Line*.

#### Can Anyone Explain Me This?

Faithfully I obey each speed limit  
sign,  
Yet the car in the rear is always  
mine,  
Even starting ahead of the pack  
in the flick of a light, I'm in the  
back.

Now I don't mind bringing up the  
rear,  
But on these laws I'm not quite  
clear,  
I don't understand, I just don't see  
Why they apply only to me!

—Garrett Topice

A kangaroo once went to see a psychiatrist. "What's wrong?" the doctor asked. "I don't know," replied the kangaroo. "I just don't feel jumpy any more."

Woman's ambition: To be weighed and found wanting.



## THE TOUCH OF THE MASTER'S HAND

"Twas battered and scarred, and the auctioneer  
Thought it scarcely worth his while  
To waste much time on the old violin,  
But held it up with a smile:  
'What am I bidden, good folks,' he cried,  
'Who'll start the bidding for me?'  
'A dollar, A dollar,' then, 'Two,' Only two?  
Two dollars, and who'll make it three?  
Three dollars, once; three dollars, twice;  
Going for three--' But no.'  
From the room, far back, a gray haired man  
Came forward and picked up the bow;  
Then, wiping the dust from the old violin,  
And tightening the loose strings,  
He played a melody pure and sweet as a caroling angel sings.

"The music ceased, and the auctioneer,  
With a voice that was quiet and low,  
Said: 'What am i bid for the old violin?'  
And he held it up with the bow.  
'A thousand dollars, and who'll make it two?  
Two thousand: And who'll make it three?  
Three thousand, once, three thousand twice,  
And going, and gone,' said he.  
The people cheered, but some of them cried,  
'We do not quite understand  
What changed its worth.' Swift came the reply;  
'The touch of a master's hand.'

"And many a man with life out of tune,  
And battered and scarred with sin,  
Is auctioned cheap to the thoughtless crowd,  
Much like the old violin.  
A 'mess of pottage,' a glass of wine;  
A game--and he travels on.  
He's 'going' and almost 'gone.'  
But the Master comes, and the foolish crowd  
Never can quite understand  
The worth of a soul and the change that's wrought  
By the touch of the Master's hand.

--The Cassville American  
Cassville Wisconsin



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FROM THE DESK OF THE SUPERINTENDENT:

After a lapse of nearly six months the workload has lightened enough that Miss Ward, chief editor, and her helpers have found time to resume the writing, editing, and printing of the Mint Press.

It is hard to remember just where we did leave off, but this we do know: we have had many distinguished visitors from Washington during these past months--many of them officials in our own Treasury Department. (Recalling names often leads to difficulties, especially if one is omitted, so we will omit such information here.) One aspect of their visits that is of importance to all of us is the fact that our visitors left here with first-hand knowledge that we at the Denver Mint are doing a good job. It has made me very proud to know that everyone visiting here feels that each of you is a dedicated worker and by your dedication and willingness to cooperate we are able to accomplish almost unbelievable production.

Let's not forget, however, that along with our production we must maintain good housekeeping. Our janitorial service is somewhat limited, so let's not be "litter bugs." Each should help keep our building the clean, beautiful edifice which visitors read of and talk about.

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The Cuban situation has alerted Civil Defense officers and committees throughout the nation. The Boy Scout slogan, "Be Prepared," might well be adopted by everyone. Frank Urich, our Mint chairman, is writing up instructions which will inform you what to do in all cases of emergency. Watch for his instructions and do your part by giving his program your full cooperation.

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Many changes in personnel have taken place in the past few months: To the newcomers: We extend our warmest welcome; we hope you will feel at home with us. To those who have left us for other employment: We wish you well in your new choice. To those who have retired after many years of faithful service: We thank you for a job well done. Our missing you and needing you keep us alert to our great responsibility--doing what you have done so well for so long. May the good Lord bless you and guide us that we may follow in your footsteps.



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Far-away places.--We all dream of vacations that we would like to take and far-away places we would like to visit; a few have had those dreams come true:

Mr. & Mrs. Marshall Reddish left Denver in early October for San Francisco and the Hawaiian Islands.

Mr. & Mrs. Carl Borchert enjoyed an early summer vacation in the Bermuda Islands.

Among the thousands signing the guest book at the Needle, the great attraction at the Seattle World's Fair, were the Hugh Taylors, the Frank Urichs, and the Vernon Cosbys.

The McLaughlins vacationed in the South, and, for some reason unknown to us, took a westerly route home.

Glen Woodrow must be earning a reputation as a gold man, for he seems to be high on the list of those who spend considerable time at Fort Knox.

Tom Maloney went to Philadelphia to serve on their settlement committee and remained long enough to supervise their furnace conversion.

Robert Folsom and Noel Miller did settlement work in San Francisco, while Joe Wier and Walter Kasubke were assigned to the New York Committee.

The ladies also roamed about a bit: Aggie Cook drove to St. Louis, and Betty Armbruster visited her home folks in Iowa. Connie LeGrande took an early summer trip as far south as New Orleans; then, later in the year, she took a trip which we hope will be the longest trip she ever takes, down the church aisle to the land of matrimony.

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Several of the Mint personnel attended the lovely wedding of Miss Constance LeGrande at the Lakewood Presbyterian Church on November 3 when Connie became the bride of Mr. John Gant. They will live in Englewood, where the groom is employed. Connie will continue as a secretary in the Cash and Deposits Division.

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Dear Old Saint Nick (Employees Association) has made four trips to the Mint this year: Three times have free coffee and doughnuts been available to all employees; and, once in the good old summertime, ice cream bars were served.

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Awards.--The Treasury Department has honored with the Albert Gallatin Award the following former employees for their many years of service: Roy Speck, 26+ years; Richard Merrill, 28 years; Harry Diehl, 28+ years, Bruce LaFollette, 31 years; and William O'Donnell, 21 years. In addition, Mr. LaFollette received the Meritorious Civilian Service Honor Award.

Retirements.--Our best wishes go with the following:

Joe Surber	Retired	7-31-62
Harry Diehl	"	10- 2-62
Earl Lichtenwalter	"	10-15-62
William O'Donnell	"	10-17-62
Bruce B. LaFollette	"	10-26-62
Lawrence Woodard	"	10-30-62

Service Award Pins.--Would you believe it, 310 years are represented in the following service awards made since the first of the year! 35 years for Cecil Gray, 25 years for James Glade, John Perrin, Arthur Killan; 20 years for Clarence Taylor, Arthur Safe, Harry Shrewsbury, William Hall, Claus Hansen, Thomas Duzenack, Hendrik Duyker; 15 years for Walter Hewett, James Cosby, James Babb, and Harold Achziger.

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## CASH & DEPOSITS CORNER

by A. L. Philippus

Mr. Glen Woodrow, Assistant Head, attended the Civil Service Mid-Management Conference during the week of November 5 through 9.

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Connie has returned from her honeymoon and is now Mrs. Gant. The Gants will live in Englewood where they will have plenty of room to raise chickens.

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## COIN BLANKS

by Gordon Porter

Bruce LaFollette, Harry Diehl, and Bill O'Donnell have recently retired. We hope they all benefit from the leisure of retirement.

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Congratulations to Walter Judge, new head of the Coining Division.

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Mel Rogers visited the Mint after 20 years absence. He has a good lumber business in the Northwest, but plans to retire next year.

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Leo Madrid, Dan Rivera, Fletcher Johnson, and Don Sondgeroth were among those who got their deer.

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Mr. & Mrs. Walter Kasubke have recently returned from California where they visited their daughter who teaches school there.

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Arthur and Dorothy Romero are the proud parents of a baby boy, Ronald Andrew. The baby was born at Mercy Hospital on November 5 and weighed in at 7 pounds  $2\frac{1}{2}$  ounces.

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Ed and Ann Greeno's daughter, Cheryl Ann, was married in Las Vegas, Nevada, October 24, to Richard P. Doherty of Rumford, Maine. Richard is stationed at Nellis Air Force Base at Las Vegas, where the couple has an apartment. They hope to make their home in Denver after finishing his military obligation.

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Mr. & Mrs. James Lazar have a new daughter-in-law, the former Miss Sharrene Rae Preble. Son Jim was married to this young lady on June 16.

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Those on the ailing list:

We were sorry to learn that the father of Mike and Bill Foglesong has had a third stroke. They say he is doing as well as can be expected.

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Al Swanson's wife has been in serious condition in General Rose Hospital. She is home now, and Al says she is feeling better.

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Loyal Slauson is now back at work after having been hospitalized at General Rose. Ditto for Ben Vanhille; he was in Mercy Hospital and, for a time, was in serious condition.

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A telephone call to Harry Baskind found him recuperating rapidly.

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Jason Gardner reports that his wife is recovering nicely from a brain tumor operation performed at St. Lukes Hospital.

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#### TRIGGER ALLEY

by Hugh Taylor

We have had five new additions to the Guard Force since the last issue of the Mint Press: Don Harmeyer, who transferred here from the Post Office; Roy Fokes, from the Federal Center; Ben Duran, from the Air Force Academy; Gene Ryan, from the U.S.D.A. Meat Inspection Division; and Jose Montoya, from the Federal Center. All of these men come to us well qualified for the job; all are a happy lot.

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Sergeants O'Connell and Hofacker went to the hills with the rest of the Nimrods, to try their luck. They had a wonderful time and came back well supplied with venison for the coming year. Some of us were fortunate in getting a sample and, to say the least, it was wonderful.

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The Taylors had a wonderful two weeks on the West Coast. They took in the World's Fair in Seattle, saw a little of San Francisco, and managed to get over the coast range before the storm hit there and stopped the World Series. They were looking forward to seeing one game (if tickets could have been obtained), but time ran out and they had to return. It is their belief that no matter where one goes it is difficult to beat Colorado weather.

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Word has been received from Grand Junction that Sergeant Graham (retired) passed away October 1. He was a wonderful person and will be greatly missed by all who knew him.

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Ex-Sergeant Newman visited the Mint in August and was looking fine. He is still with the Air Force Supply.

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## HOT CHIPS

by Alex Rooney

In Bermuda.--Last summer, Carl Borchert took a vacation trip to the Bermuda Islands--at which time a national magazine came out with a picture entitled "Where the Girls Are," showing a bevy of beautiful girls in bathing suits basking on the beaches of Bermuda. Carl swears he didn't see any of them!

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At the World's Fair.--Mr. & Mrs. Frank Urich and two sons, together with three other couples, motored to Salt Lake City, then northwest to Seattle to take in the World's Fair. Frank said that with the exception of not having enough time at the Fair, he thoroughly enjoyed every minute of the trip. From Seattle they went through the redwoods to Frisco, then on to Sacramento and Lake Tahoe--where they spent three days. It was especially a worth-while trip for son Tom, the youngest.

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The bright and able reporter of "Trigger Alley" and his wife, Mrs. Taylor, took the Urich's route to Seattle, where they stayed with friends who accompanied them to the Fair. Later, it was salmon fishing at Port Washington; Hughie was so successful in this venture that he left the Port loaded down with fresh canned salmon. Going on to Frisco they went through the redwoods, and, in Nevada, they visited the Lehman Caves--from here, it was home through southern Utah. A wonderful time! (P.S.: Hughie, we'll be over next Friday.)

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When Ted Schrock bought his new house out Littleton way, there was only loose dirt around it, but that didn't bother a stalwart from Jefferson County. Since then, he has made a lawn, rock garden, patio, and, more recently, a 2-car garage (just in time for the winter months ahead). On that last job, however, Ted appeared to be getting soft; he used pre-mix concrete for the floor and driveway, whereas he used to do such work by hand.

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Chief electrician Jim Glade and Mrs. Glade have been enjoying week ends at their cabin up Coal Creek Canyon. They usually take some of their grandchildren along.

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Mr. & Mrs. Keith Montgomery and children enjoyed a week's trip to Yellowstone last August. Afterward, Keith spent three weeks in Nevada doing assessment work on his mining claims--a tough way to spend a vacation, all alone, way out in no-man's land.

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Moody Wilson bought a home out on East 13th Avenue and, like all new property owners, he has found lots to do around the house. And, what with his little son just beginning to walk, he'll have to start working for him too.

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Earl Maiden has made extensive improvements inside and out of his new home in Wheatridge since moving from Denver to Jefferson County. Earl knows a good place when he sees one!

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Joe Surber hasn't had much time to use his camper since his retirement as he has been busy with small home improvement contracts. He even bought a cement mixer!

Last August when Joe came in to receive his retirement bond he was presented a heavy duty electric drill by his many friends.

Joe, as you'll recall, had the distinction of being the long-distance driver champion of all Mint commuters, driving to work from the Continental Divide (Idaho Springs); and, to top off that record, he was never tardy a day.

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For quite some time Francis Zordel has lived in heavenly seclusion on the plains out Parker way; now, gutters, curbs, and land development are crowding out his homestead. Francis, Jefferson County is beckoning!

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Norman Engblom's son "Norm" and his partner parlayed a \$500 investment of eight months ago into a 2-million-dollar-a-year business in the truck discount market. Norm, noting the trend toward pickups, got in on the move and "hit." Norman says, though, "It isn't all profit."

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In Jefferson County the mountain lions won't harm you if you carry a flashlight--'course it depends on how fast you carry it.

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Ben Maes is another who bought a new house recently. It had an unfinished basement, 40'x37', which Ben has been converting into bedrooms, a bath, pantry, and recreation room, so you can see where Ben spent his vacation--and he isn't through yet.

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Out deer hunting:

Last year Ralph Langhorn got a nice deer near New Castle. On his way back to camp, after having shot all his "ammo," he sat down on a rock to eat up some cherries left over from lunch. Looking up, he saw a beaut of a buck watching him from a nearby tree. Ralph carefully loaded an empty shell with cherry seeds and blasted away, hitting Mr. Deer on top of the head as he bounded away.

This year, Ralph again went up to the New Castle country, where he bagged two deer. He knows he got the one who got away last year, for one of them was a beaut of a buck with a little cherry tree growing out the top of his head.

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Leo Kennedy shot his deer dead in its tracks, 97 "Leo paces" away. Don Elliott shot one leg off his deer 790 yards away, and chased it three miles before bringing it down for good. Harold Hedrick shot two front feet off his deer at 805 yards, and it hopped on its hind feet a mile and a half before Harold downed it. Joe Payne shot all four feet from under his deer at 815 yards, and it turned over on its back and crawled on its antlers over a hill before Joe caught it. Bill Johnson didn't go hunting.

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It happened in Jefferson County.--Going west on 6th Avenue after work one evening, I noticed a '55 Ford come to a sudden halt; a teenager rushed from the car, picked up something, and ran toward the Lakewood Country Club golf course fence, where he tried climbing over it. All this time his mouth was working like a trip hammer; he seemed to be shouting something to two other teenagers--the only persons on the course at that time. As I started to pass, the kid was still trying to get over the fence and I could see he had a golf ball in his hand. Glancing back, I noticed the trouble: the poor boy's windshield was shattered.

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It happened in Denver.--John Watson was crossing one of the viaducts when he noticed an out-of-State motorist who was stalled. Good Samaritan that he is, he stopped and offered help. The offer was readily accepted, so Johnnie pushed him across the viaduct and some three or four blocks beyond, where the motorist turned off on a side street. Johnnie drove up alongside and asked "Why didn't you start the car?" To which, the motorist replied "My radiator cap was off."

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\*And Getting Deeper  
(An earlier-day poem)

His old horse died and his mule went lame;  
Then he lost six cows in a poker game.  
Then a hurricane came on a summer's day,  
And blew the house where he lived away.

An earthquake came when that was gone,  
And swallowed the land his house stood on.  
Then the tax collector came around  
And assessed him for a hole in the ground.

\*(Author's note: Nowadays, tax collectors not only do the same, but they then shove the taxpayer and all his children and grandchildren into the hole. If you don't believe it, look at our national debt.)

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Our thanks to Garrett Topics for the following:

Wife: "In most marriage ceremonies, they drop the word  
'obey' now."

Hubby: "Too bad, isn't it? It used to lend a little humor  
to the occasion."

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Many a man who has tried to pull the wool over his wife's  
eyes used the wrong yarn.

\* \* \*

Life isn't a bowl of cherries. It's a bunch of raisins--raisin'  
heck, raisin' kids, and raisin' money.

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More HOT CHIPS:

Paul Thomas was off a week getting some teeth pulled. Tough break, Paul, and to happen just before turkey day!

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Tuesday evening, November 20, Mark Burkgren's Monza was hit head on by a motorist making a left turn. Mark was taken by ambulance to Denver General Hospital, where he was released one and a half hours later to his wife and Hjal Persman. Other than a shaking up and a scalp wound of eleven stitches, he is in good shape and back to work.

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Charles Kowalis was passing out cigars and free coffee on Saturday morning, November 24. Friday evening a fine baby boy (the 4th son) was born to this household. Meet the "Bing" Kowalises!

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More COIN BLANKS:

Not to be outdone by Alex Rooney's last item, we must mention that the Charles Moores recently became parents of a baby boy.

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Another item from the Desk of the Superintendent:

Since the Award item on page 2 was written, we have received the Albert Gallatin Award for Lawrence Woodard.

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Happy New Year

## The End of an Era *The Last of the Bronze Cents*

Photos by George Basquez

October 21, 1982. U.S. Mint, Denver. The end of an era. The stamping of the last of the bronze cents at the Denver Mint.

The first press operator to run out his presses was Joe Ornelas. The time: around 9:30 am. As soon as Joe had finished running his presses out, Die Setters Norm Walso and Joe Vasquez started checking the presses out on the new Copper-Plated Zinc Cent (CPZ). After the first presses had run out, the rest followed in good order almost one right after the other, as if they had been timed to perform in sequence.

Richard Ross stamped the last production bronze cents on MB9 at 11:03 am in the Main Press Room. It was a major event for those of us working on these coins. They would be the

by Michael P. Lantz  
Metal Forming Machine Foreman  
Coining Division, Coin Press Branch

last of the bronze pennies so familiar to us ... and they foretold the beginning of a new experience.

Within the hour all 40 of the cent presses were running on the new CPZ cents. The time it took to change over from bronze to CPZ cents was less than 2 hours. It is hard to believe that the end of an era could come in such a short time ... after over 200 billion of the Lincoln bronze cents had been produced by the Bureau of the Mint.

As for my part, I would like to extend my appreciation and a special word of thanks to all of the Die Setters, Press Operators, and other participants at the Denver Mint for the fine job they did in the changeover from bronze to CPZ cents.

*Additional photos on page 6*

PRODUCTION OF THE BRONZE CENTS COMPLETED on 10/21/82 by the following Coin Press day shift workers, (l to r) front row: Art Vigil, Del Olivas, Joe Balerio, Dick Ortega, Gil Trujillo, Ben Martinez, Joe Ornelas, Gil Abeyta, George Shibata, Hank Sailas. Back row: Pat Tafoya, Mike Gallardo, Ike Zamora, Joe Vasquez, Dave Lozano, Vince Varela, Rick Collins, Joe Vargas, Dick Ross, Ted Manzanares, Ed Wise, Mike Lantz. Missing from photo but on duty were: Norm Walso, Ben Trujillo Jr., Al Bohannon, Don Solano (also current Denver Mint AFGE President), Jerri Stratford, Fred Frano, and Dave Garcia.





# Message from the West Point Depository



During the past year the West Point Bullion Depository has been in a state of constant change. We have been receiving gold and silver bul-

lion from the New York Assay Office. The shipment of this bullion was a tremendous operation, and due to the outstanding efforts of NYAO Superintendent Clifford Barber, our Security Officer Edward Kayner and our fine Security staff, the operation was completed uneventfully.

However, the arrival of these shipments at West Point was just the beginning of our task. We were required to construct storage areas for the bullion. The bars had to be weighed, verified (in some cases chip samples had to be taken), and then stored. During this process, auditors from Internal Audit Chief Thomas Diaforli's staff worked with our employees to accomplish the task. By the time the entire operation is completed we will have weighed, verified, and stored over 56 million fine ounces of gold and 24 million fine ounces of silver.

In December of 1981 we began striking the first zinc pennies and, as can be expected in any new procedure, there were many problems to work out. Add to this the fact that we started dealing with a new contractor (Ball Metal and Chemical Company) for our blanks, and one can begin to appreciate the many problems we encountered with the zinc penny. We had to work with bent, tarnished, and blistered blanks; also, the die life was decreased substantially. Problems with the blanks were resolved for the most part through the diligence and initiative of our production supervisor, Al Birdsell, working with Ball Company representatives. After "breaking in" the Ball Company so that it is currently producing good zinc blanks, we now must deal with a new contractor (LaSalle Rolling Mills) for our blanks, while the Philadelphia and Denver Mints will be receiving blanks from Ball.

The die life problem significantly increased production costs (labor, down time, die manufacturing costs, etc.). However, due to the combined efforts of Dr. George Hunter (Acting Assistant Director for Technology), Galen Dawson (Assistant Director for Production), Bill Smith (Chief, Office of Production—Philadelphia), and Mike Simon (Acting Chief, Research and Development), a new lower relief die was produced

and die life was increased back to where it had been with the copper pennies.

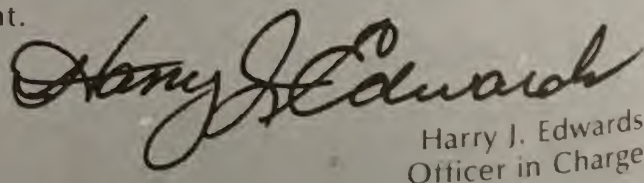
In spite of the many problems, within six months our production was restored to the production level with the copper cents—this despite the loss of production employees. We have added five more presses to our production line which have increased our daily production to a figure in excess of 8½ million.

Our Gold Medallion Program has moved into its third year with Louis Armstrong on this year's one-ounce medallion and Frank Lloyd Wright on the half-ounce medallion. The appearance of the 1982 medallion will be improved by adding a beaded border and a reeded edge. These medallions will be sold through retailers rather than to individual customers via the post office. Exceptional efforts were made by our Gold Medallion Foremen, Wally Wojehowski and George Hauserman, to acquire the type of packaging required and to set up a new procedure in order to accomplish the new system of distribution.

We are also gearing up for our part in the Olympic Coin Program. We received two proof presses from the San Francisco Assay Office which will be used to strike the \$10 gold coins. This program also requires a new packaging system for which the specifications have only recently been completed. The Gold Medallion Division will be responsible for the striking, packing, and shipping of these gold coins.

The West Point Bullion Depository for the first time is acquiring a Budget & Accounting Division and a Cash Branch. Previously, these functions were performed by the New York Assay Office with our personnel feeding them the necessary information. There will be an Accounting Division (headed by Walter Hasiy), and an Administration Division (headed by John Higgins) under which the Cash Branch will be located. With these changes, the West Point Bullion Depository will be quite self-sufficient in providing needed services for our own operation.

All in all, the past year has been very eventful for the U.S. Bullion Depository at West Point. The new programs with which we have been tasked promise to make the coming year just as eventful—that is "business as usual" at West Point.

  
Harry J. Edwards  
Officer in Charge





Ben Benitez

## Meet Ben Benitez— Assistant Director for Personnel

The setting was the Personnel "Library" at Headquarters on November 15th—a meeting called by the new Assistant Director to introduce himself: Ben Benitez, Havana-born Cuban who came to this country in 1960 at the age of 15. He told those present that now, 22 years later, he has a wife, daughter 3½, and a solid background in all phases of personnel work. It sounds like an American success story.

High school in Miami; part-time Office Boy at Exxon in New Orleans while attending Loyola University. In 4 years, a BA degree and advancement to Accountant/Auditor. Some banking experience. Then came the draft and over 3½ years with the Air Force, where he got his start in Personnel.

Two years and an MBA degree later, Ben became a Staffing Specialist at Walter Reed

Army Medical Center. More and more specialization. From Position Classification Specialist at the Army Materiel Command in Alexandria, Va., to Supervisory Position Classification Specialist at HEW, managing the Classification Branch. At the Office of Program Analysis in Personnel at the Department of Labor (DOL), he served as leader of a Personnel Management Evaluation Team planning, developing, and coordinating a comprehensive program of assistance for regional and management offices.

Coming to the Mint from the Department of Housing & Urban Development (HUD), he brings with him additional experience gained there in Management & Labor Relations, and in Operations. As an Employee Relations Specialist, he was program leader for the Benefits & Employee Services Program. As a Supervisory Personnel Management Specialist, he provided assistance and guidance on ER and LMR, coordinated the Classification Program, and managed the automation of all personnel systems.

Altogether—13 years in Personnel. His "can do" attitude has carried Ben Benitez a long way.

## Denver Mint Reactivates Employees Association

The Denver Mint Employees Association was formally reorganized on September 1, 1982, with the following new officers installed: Arthur Ortega, President; Louis Dalla, Vice-President; Jackie Castor, Secretary; Henry Blea, Treasurer; and Jean McDonald, Director.

Inactivated over 22 months ago, the Association received new life when Denver Mint Superintendent Nora Walsh Hussey appointed an ad hoc committee chaired by Sisto Chavez to analyze its reestablishment. The committee developed by-laws and prepared a roster for the August 13th election of officers.

The Association will honor each retiree having a minimum of 15 years of Mint service with a retirement gift of a Numismatic Coin Clock; flowers will be sent in the event of the hospitalization, extended illness, or death of an employee or member of the family.

Future activities of this Association are to be limited to the benefit of Denver Mint employees but will, it is hoped, include social

activities and sports events. The Employees Association has already volunteered to administer the annual Denver Federal Executive Board's Christmas Gift Program for the Superintendent. This DFEB program for the community's needy children and its elderly generated considerable interest and widespread participation on the part of Denver Mint employees last year.

DENVER MINT EMPLOYEES ASSOCIATION OFFICERS:  
(l to r) Treasurer Henry Blea, Secretary Jackie Castor, President Art Ortega, Director Jean McDonald, and Vice-President Lou Dalla.







1982 MINT CHAMPION PISTOL TEAM from the West Point Bullion Depository, (l to r) front row: Police Officers Pat Powers, Kathy Spivak, and Bill McDermott. Back row: Sgt. John Bennett, Lt. Nick Panasky, and Officer Confesor Torres.

After 5 years of what seemed like an endless winning streak, the Fort Knox Bullion Depository police pistol team bowed to the superior marksmanship of the West Point and San Francisco Old Mint teams in the 1982 Director's Annual Inter-Mint Pistol Competition.

OIC Harry "Jim" Edwards and Administrative Chief John Higgins of West Point report that their crack security staff, headed by the very able Captain of the Guard Dominic Hanly, produced a pistol team which for the first time ever (for West Point) won the Mint Matches and cracked Fort Knox's 5-year winning streak (1976-1980). Fort Knox may have been without some of its top-scoring policemen at the time, but West Point and SFOM deserve full credit for coming to the fore after these many years to break the spell and let everyone at the field offices know that *it is possible to beat Fort Knox!*

On October 15th Mint Director Donna Pope announced the results of this year's Matches, stating that the teams finished in the following order according to total aggregate scores:

1.	WPBD	1,761
2.	SFOM	1,662
3.	FKBD	1,623
4.	SFAO	1,583
5.	DM	1,549
6.	PM	1,525

She extended congratulations to winning team members John P. Bennett, Nicholas Panasky, Confesor Torres, Kathleen M. Spivak, William P. Powers, and William J. McDermott.

## West Point Breaks the Spell!

*Takes 1st Place in Mint Pistol Matches*



HIGHEST SCORER  
at 1982 Mint Matches:  
Sgt. John Bennett.

The individual Mint Pistol Champion is Sergeant John P. Bennett of West Point, who shot a perfect score of 300, "an achievement which deserves special recognition," said Mrs. Pope. Special honors went not only to the winning team members, but also to participants in the Matches making the 5 highest scores.

In addition, acknowledgment of and appreciation for services rendered were extended by Director Pope to the following observers officiating in that capacity at the Matches: James L. Scott (FKBD), James Thompson (PM), Everett D. Eshelman (DM), Victoria S. Olson (SFAO), Willie McCrary (SFOM), and Harry J. Edwards (WPBD).



Photos by Lt. John Prella Sr.

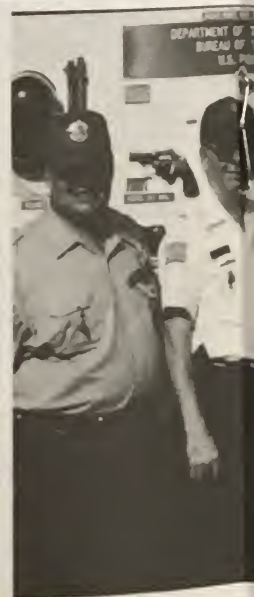






Photo by Otto Uebel  
REPEAT MINT MATCH WINNERS from SFOM's 2nd Place Team: Officer Ben Corpuz (at left) and Sgt. Bill Van Valkenburg (at right) with SFOM Security Chief Captain Philip I. Ainsworth.

## Even 2nd Place Looks Good!

That's how the second place winners from SFOM feel about their marked rise from the "next to last, but not least" position (6th place out of 7 field offices competing) as reported in the August, 1980 *Mint Press*.

SFOM's past Grand Champions, Sgt. Bill Van Valkenburg (1978) and Officer Ben Corpuz (1979), were previous Mint Match contestants for the Old Mint. This year they were joined by 4 relative newcomers to the Mint as well as to the pistol competition: Robert W. Pedersen (10/19/80), after 3 years as an MP in the Army; MacArthur P. Celso (12/21/81), after a 4-year enlistment in the USMC; Thomas Whalen (8/30/81), from a position as a private investigator; and Vertis N. Elmore Jr. (6/5/78), a retired Navy man.

## Police Officers Participate in Festival

Philadelphia Mint Police Officers provided and manned an exhibit at the German-American Police Association's 3rd Annual Police Festival held on May 15-16, during Police Week. The purpose of the Festival is to promote public understanding of police work, to foster good community relations, and to honor

Standing in front of the Mint Exhibit (l to r): Police Officer Raymond Lopez, Lt. John E. Prella Sr., Security Officer James E. Driscoll, and Police Officer Charles C. Monroe (just elected VP of Federal Lodge #1, FOP).

Police Officer Anthony Mangano (also Chaplain of Federal Lodge #1, FOP) examines some skillful bull's eye peppering of the Mint Exhibit target.



police officers injured or killed in the line of duty.

The family-oriented Festival this year featured German band music with parades through the park, dancing, German and American food, demonstrations of Karate, of K-9 Attack Dogs, hair-raising feats of the Philadelphia Motorcycle Drill Team, performances by police units, the Bomb Squad, the Mounted Police, puppet shows, games, and a live radio broadcast along with the exhibits and a Memorial Service for slain Officers. More than 30 government agencies from local to federal levels participated. Each participating agency (including the Mint, Secret Service, FBI, and U.S. Customs among others) received a plaque and letter of appreciation.

Security Officer James E. Driscoll and Officers at the Philadelphia Mint constructed a display of police equipment utilized at the Mint, and their exhibit promoted career development designed to attract young people to police work.

Officer Adolphus Warren first drew a rough sketch of the display, which was then constructed with the help of (Raymond) William Hines, Carpenter in Plant Engineering. This display received praise from the Philadelphia Police Commissioner and others attending the Festival. Officers representing the Mint on the occasion were: Anthony J. Mangano, Raymond Lopez, Charles C. Monroe, Lt. John E. Prella Sr., and Security Officer Driscoll.



## CFC FOLLOW-UP

To drive home their point more effectively, Coordinators for the 1983 Combined Federal Campaign at Headquarters Chip Berry and Joe Horton enlisted the assistance of Support Services Specialist (Administrative Services) Jane Rose, and together they carried out a special program for some children from the National Children's Center, Inc. in Washington, D.C. on November 3. The program consisted of a tour of Headquarters, a movie, and light refreshments shared with Mint employees in attendance at the after-movie party.

The National Children's Center is a private, nonprofit agency offering residential and day care to children, adolescents, and young adults handicapped by mental retardation and other developmental disabilities. Programs at the Center include educational diagnosis and prescription, casework services, medical and dental care, physical therapy, prevocational



PROGRAM FOR CFC RECIPIENTS: Standing by the refreshment table are (l to r) Chip Berry, Jane Rose, and Joe Horton, who conducted the special program at Headquarters.

and vocational training, psychological, psychiatric and language development services, research, professional and paraprofessional training.

The CFC Coordinators hoped, through the intermingling of these children with Mint employees, to enable the latter to see for themselves some deserving recipients of their CFC contributions.

## *The Last of the Bronze Cents* (Left to right, top to bottom)

RICHARD ROSS, after stamping the last bronze cent on MB9.

JOE BALERIO, emptying a tote box of bronze cents into a shaker.

SUPERINTENDENT HUSSEY & YANCEY CLARKE, Quality Control Manager from Headquarters (Office of Technology), watching a shaker run out some of the last bronze cents.

MIKE LANTZ, Coin Press Foreman, by a truck of the last bronze cents being shaken.

CAL MASON (Counting & Review Section), counting the last of the bronze cents.

IKE ZAMORA, Coin Press Foreman, checking adjustments on TB2 Press for the new zinc cents.





# About You . . .

## WELCOME

At Denver: *Budget & Accounting*—operating accountant **Julia W. Shaw**, secretary **Cecelia Lobato**. *Exhibits & Public Sales*—information receptionist **Lisa Colbruno**. *Packaging*: laborer **Lisa Jones**. *Personnel*—personnel clerk **Irene Garcia**. *Security*—police officers **Robert E. Betts**, **James Brassfield**, **Andrew Garduno**, **Mark Jenkins**, **Clayton Rankin**, **Robert Stahl**, **Earl W. Wilkins Jr.**

At D.C.: *Office of the Director*—Deputy Director **Larry Rolufs**. *Office of Personnel*—Assistant Director for Personnel **Ben Benitez**.

At SFAO: *Security*—police officers **Steven J. Bolander**, **Gary L. Egbert**, **Michael E. Desjardins**, **Norman L. Talmon**, **Charles M. Valley**.

At SFDC: *Data Center*—computer programmer **Robert M. Lanagan**.

At WP: *Office of the OIC*—Security: police officers **Anthony Cella**, **William J. Gultz**, **Franklin J. Hafner**, **John Waldron**.

## PROMOTIONS

At Denver: *Office of the Superintendent*—labor relations specialist **Leo G. Hart**. *Coining*—Coin Press: die setter **Patrick Madrid**. *Plant Engineering*—Machine Shop: machinist **Mike A. Romero**, machinist **Joe R. Sanchez** to equipment maintenance foreman, machinist **David L. Harris** to toolmaker. *Procurement*—procurement officer **Carolyn Anderson**, supply clerk **Rodger Bear**.

At D.C.: *Office of Budget & Finance*—clerk-typist **Yvette Savoy**, systems accountant **Donald O'Brien**.

At Phila.: *Coining*—custodial worker **Walter Nickson** to materials expeditor (forklift). *Plant Engineering*—laborer **Leonard Cypress** to coin checker (in Assay & Quality Control), machinist **Herbert Bailey** to toolmaker, maintenance general foreman **Raymond (Jack) DeBroekert** to production controller (in Office of Production). *Procurement*—supply clerk **June Pellicore** to coin checker (in Assay & Quality Control).

At SFAO: *Coining*—Material Receiving & Control: weighing machine operators **John Brady**, **Levi Faatiliga**, **Robert Mello**. *Production Control*: **Salvatore Sammartino**. *Plant Engineering*—Building Maintenance: **Juan Mejia**. *Production Maintenance*: machinist **Donald McKinsey** to toolmaker. *Security*—police officer **Rhonda Olmsted**.

At WP: *Office of the OIC*—Quality Control: chemist **Richard Stefanchik**. *Administrative Division*—accounting technician **Judith Knight**. *Plant Engineering*—maintenance mechanic helper **James Cobey**. *Production*—Weighing, Shipping & Receiving: forklift operator leader **Walter Falkenberg**.

## RETIREMENTS

At Denver: *Coining*—Counting & Reviewing: counting machine operator **Gilbert P. Atencio**.

At NYAO: *Office of the Superintendent*—Assay & Quality Control: chemist **Rudolf Scholz**. *Office of Administration*—Budget & Accounting: administrative aide **Joseph D'Elena**.

At Phila.: *Cash Division*—warehouse worker (forklift operator leader) **Gennaro D'Aquilante**. *Plant Engineering*—industrial electronic mechanic **Alfonso Filippone Jr.**, machinist **George Lindsay**, rolling & cutting machine operator **Joseph Galiano**. *Security*—supervisory police officer **John Prella Sr.**

At SFAO: *Plant Engineering*—Production Maintenance, Machine Support Section: toolmaker **Elroy Braa**.

At SFOM: *Security*—guard **Robert E. Burney**.

## FEDERAL SERVICE AWARDS

At Denver: *30 Years*—Coining, Materials Handling: forklift operator leader **James Valdez**. *25 Years*—Coining, Coin Blanking: furnace operator **Joe Balerio**, metal forming machine operator **Harold Del Real**. *Coin Press*: die setter **Joseph J. Vasquez**. *Materials Handling*: forklift operator **Ambrocio Marquez**. *Exhibits & Public Sales*: supervisory visual information specialist **Tito E. Rael**. *20 Years*—Assay & Technical Services: quality assurance specialist **Donald Stickler**. *Coining, Annealing*: heat treater **Navor Bejarano**. *Coin Press*: die setter **Gilbert Abeyta**. *Plant Engineering, Electric Shop*: industrial electronic mechanic **Robert Lewis**. *15 Years*—Budget & Accounting: operating accountant (bullion) **Francis Gilmore**. *Coining, Upsetting*: metal forming machine operator **William A. Gonzales**. *Plant Engineering, Electrical Shop*: electrical equipment repairer **Jacob Fernandez**. *Security*: police officer **Henry T. Blea**.

At D.C.: *15 Years*—EEO Staff: secretary **Cheryl Cooke**.



At Phila.: 35 Years—Coining: medal maker foreman **Domenick Marzulli**. 25 Years—Coining: counting machine operator **Charles Brown**. 20 Years—Coining: die setter **Robert Irwin**, laborer **William McDevitt**, management assistant **Flora Mirsch**. 15 Years—Coining: metal forming machine operators **Walter Comegys**, **Joseph Cosenza**. Office of Production: production controller **Raymond (Jack) DeBroekert**. Plant Engineering: custodial worker **Kolotta Thomas**. Security: police officer **Ramon Rivera**.

At SFAO: 15 Years—Coining, Coin Press: metal forming machine operator **Alejandro Garcia**. Material Receiving & Control Branch: weighing machine operator **Roosevelt Garner**. Personnel: labor relations specialist **Andrea Palsson**. Plant Engineering, Production Maintenance, Machine Support Section: toolmaker **Elroy Braa**.

At SFOM: 20 Years—Museum & Public Sales: museum technician (history) **John Pearson**.

## AWARDS

At Phila.: *Special Act/Service*—Accounting: operating accountant **John McAnulla**. Assay & Quality Control: quality assurance specialist **Jacob Katz**. Cash Division, Uncurrent/ Mutilated Coin Redemption Branch: supervisory cash controller **Charles Rich**; weighing machine operator foreman **Leonard DeStefano**; weighing machine operators **James Allen**, **Frank George Jr.**, **Joseph Matthews**, **Brian Morris**. Office of Administration: management analyst **Charles Arnold**. Office of Production: production controller **Raymond (Jack) DeBroekert**. Security: police officers **Alfred Ranieri**, **Adolphus Warren**. *Beneticial Suggestions*—Budget & Accounting: payroll technician **Frances F. Henderson**. Plant Engineering: machinist **Joseph Rein**. Security: police officer **Joseph Kedziora**.



Eleanor McKelvey

The *Mint Press Award* for voluntary and frequent contributions to the publication was recently bestowed upon Eleanor McKelvey of the Philadelphia Mint (Public Affairs) for her reporting and especially for photographic services during the past year. Mrs. McKelvey, despite a busy schedule, has been ready and willing to extend herself to see that needed photographs and background material were furnished to the *Mint Press*. She is an excellent photographer, often developing her own film at home to save time and expense.

The Honorary Award was created last year for presentation to the outstanding reporter submitting stories and/or photographs over a period of twelve months or more.

Gloria Widman of the Personnel Office at the Philadelphia Mint was also commended for her continuing dedication and dependable performance as reporter. She was the original recipient of the *Mint Press Award*, and has always been a reliable source of newsworthy material about employees and activities at the Philadelphia Mint.

## Mint Press Award

Both Eleanor McKelvey and Gloria Widman received appropriate commendations for their OPF Files. This recognition is meant to express both acknowledgment of and appreciation for services rendered, as well as to provide an incentive for other Mint employees to volunteer such services.

## Mint Press Photographers

As deserving as other reporters of recognition for their services, photographers who have been dependable suppliers of photos upon request include not only Eleanor McKelvey (for the Philadelphia Mint), but also John Dixon (for NYAO), George Basquez (for the Denver Mint), and Otto Uebel (for SFOM).



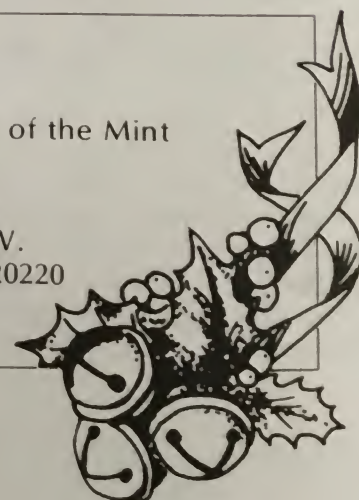
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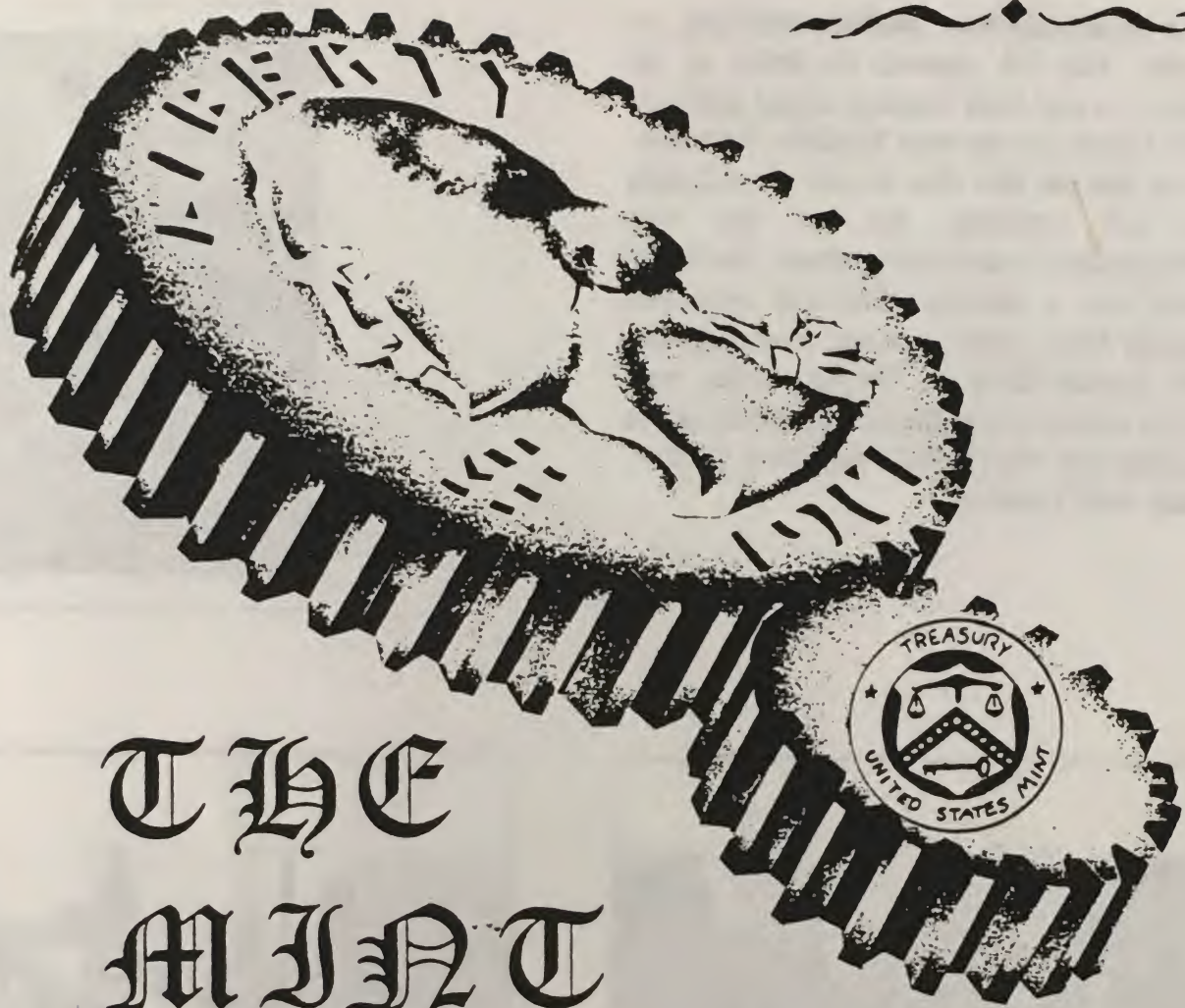
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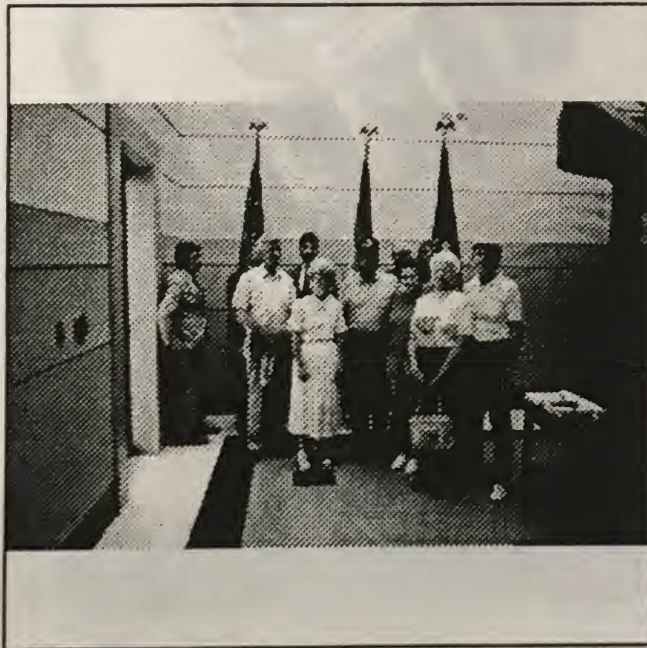
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## OUR NEW VISITOR ENTRANCE IS OPEN

The Superintendent, Barbara McTurk, on Sunday, July 28, opened the Mint so the employees and their families could enjoy an Open House for the new Visitor's Entrance. Except for the fact that the air conditioning was not working due to the new computerized system being down, the Open House was a success. We had over two hundred Mint employees and invited guests from United Bank of Denver to the new facility who enjoyed the new addition to our building and the exhibits depicting Money, Trade, and Treasure.



OUR FIRST VISITORS



AT THE NEW ENTRANCE



## REGIONAL MEETING

The Denver Regional Total Quality Management Conference was held at the Sheraton Denver Tech Center, July 24-26. Included in five hundred plus participants were several Denver Mint managers.

The conference opened with greetings from Governor Roy Romer who remarked on the opportunity to learn about the philosophy and principals of Total Quality Management as well as the implementation of it. The Governor issued an executive order last fall endorsing Total Quality Management as a method of improving state government operations.

Distinguished speakers included experts such as David O. "Doc" Cooke, United States Department of Defense; Shiela Sheenberg, PhD Center for Life Cycle Sciences; Alfred G. Honsen, General (Ret. Former Commander of the Air Force Logistics Command) and others.

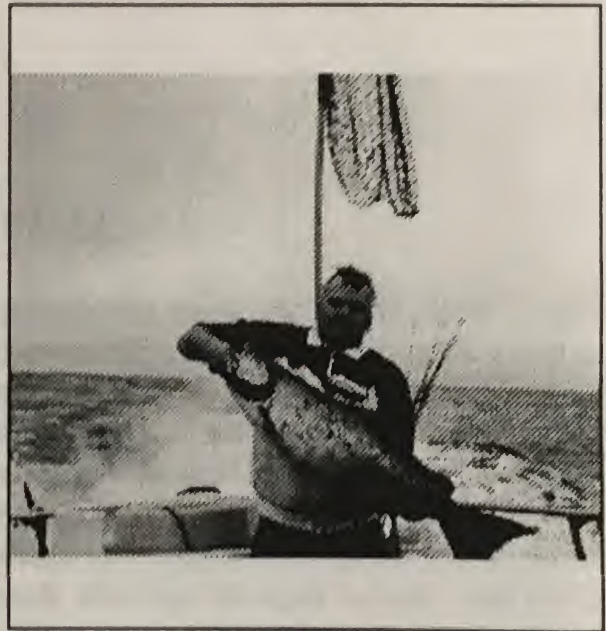
Participants left knowing that quality products require total commitment from all employees in any given facility from the most senior managers to the most junior employees.

It was a very successful conference and our thanks go to all who attended.

## THE BIG ONE GOT AWAY

It was that time of year again when the Mile High Anglers go on their yearly fishing trip to some unknown part of the country. This year they decided to again visit West Port, Washington during the week of July 22. As usual they had a successful trip catching some remarkable King Salmon. The club has been in existence for ten years and on occasion will invite non-members to join them.

Lee Tomsick shows off his 23 lb. King Salmon. Rumor has it that Lee used a magnifying lens on the camera.



WHO CAUGHT WHOM?



## GET WELL SOON

The Denver Mint employees wish a speedy recovery to John Barringer who fell from the top of a Blanking Press on August 8. We all hope you are feeling better soon John.

We also wish all the best and fast recovery to Felix Lozano and Merce Briano, who were hospitalized and underwent surgery. They are now recovering at home.

## WALK-A-THON

Our appreciation is extended to Nate Mason, Nate Mason Jr., and Vince Robinson Jr. who represented the Denver Mint in the 1991 March of Dimes Walk-a-Thon against birth defects. The team completed a 12.5 mile trek and collected \$437.00 in contributions from Mint employees. Nate has participated in Mint Walk-a-thon teams for about 11 years and with his team mates has raised about \$9000 over the years.



## LOTS OF VISITORS

The Exhibits and Public Sales division staff extends their thanks and appreciation to the summer temporary tour guides for their individual accomplishments in mastering the art of touring up to 2700 visitors in one day. Special thanks go to these individuals who sometimes gave up their breaks and lunches to do their best to keep the tour line short

not to create frustration/hardship among our summer visitors. Let's hope that some if not all of the following tour guides return to help us again in 1992; Wendy Chavez, Cheryl Devries, Stacie Garcia, Toni Gunther, Lori Hagen, Linda Kasel, Janay Kroneberger, Kim Luna, Sarah Scher, and Dorin Seiden.

## CONGRATULATIONS

Most of us remember Victor Hurtado (the assayer) who worked at the Denver Mint from 1982 to 1987 and who now works for the State Department. Victor and his wife

Margaret were blessed with a baby boy on August 6, 1991. The new arrival's name is Carl Haas Hurtado.  
Congratulations!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!



## COMPUTER HINTS

Turn off power and unplug your machine before cleaning. Use damp cloth or mild cleaner to clean. Spray cleaner on cloth, never directly on your machine, monitor or keyboard.

Don't hesitate to leave your machine on all day even if you are not using it for a while; turning it on and off frequently causes more wear and tear than just leaving it on. Do turn the monitor off or at least the brightness down when not using the machine.

Never remove a disk when the indicator light is on, never leave it in the drive when you are done. Observe the usual disk handling rules at all times. Park your read/write head on your harddrive before turning off your machine.

Consult your manual frequently when working, it is often a faster way to solve a problem than "experimenting".

Don't try to push your printer's print head from side to side while the printer is turned on. Don't use the handle on the side to advance the paper while the printer is turned on, use the form feed or line feed feature.

Don't jerk or suddenly release the lever that opens the floppy disk drives, move them gently.

Don't think that a call to computer services for help is a major defeat, asking for help before a disaster occurs.

Based on PC Magazine June 1986

## VOLUNTEER OF THE MONTH LUIS T. MARTINEZ

After working at the U.S. Mint, Mr. Luis T. Martinez still finds time to volunteer his services coaching various teams for the Commerce City Youth Association and the Commerce City Recreation Center. He has been a volunteer coach for 14 years and has coached the following:

1. The Basketball Team for 6 years, (these boys range in ages from 7-13.
2. The Baseball Team for 12 years, (these boys range from 13-14 years of ages and they are called "Seniors"). They won the District First Place Honors, July 26 and 27, 91.



A THANK YOU FROM COACH McCARTNEY

3. The Football Team for 14 years, (these boys range from 7-13 years



of age).

He coaches boys 7-13 years of age approximately 80 hours per month. Some of the boys were coached by Luis for 6 years continuously.

One of his better players was Ronnie

Bradford. Ronnie plays for the C.U. Football team.

Luis does fund raising for the Commerce City Youth Association

### **THREE AGENCIES TO FOOT BILL FOR WORKER BUS TRIP**

The US Commerce Department Laboratories yesterday became the first in the nation to participate in a large scale program that provides public transportation passes for its employees.

In an agreement signed with the Regional Transportation District, the government purchased 1140 bus passes for employees of the National Institute of Standards and Technology, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

The passes cost the department an average of \$50 per employee, and will allow them to travel anywhere on the RTD system for one year. The cost of the program will be shared by the three facilities.

Service will begin Sunday.

In the past, we had paid for people (U.S. government employees) who traveled on "official business," said Robert A. Kamper, director of the National Institute of Standards and Technology.

"But this is a new step where the Federal Government is going to pay the cost of traveling to work for those who go by bus."

"It makes good sense as a national policy to cut down on traffic congestion, air pollution, and fuel consumption."

And, the employees are doing their share by dealing with the slight inconvenience of traveling by bus instead of their cars.

From the Denver Post

### **The Federal Women's Program Seminar**

The Federal Women's Seminar was held on August 21, 1991 at the Regency Hotel in Denver, Colorado. The Seminar was great and the food was good and we learned a lot.

The speaker was Sharon Silvas, Publisher, Colorado Woman News.

The topic was "WOMAN TRENDS: Perspectives for the 21st Century".

The participants from the Mint were: Dollie Williams, Flor (Dora) Myers and Macola Blanchard.

The Federal Women gave out twenty-eight scholarships. Three of the 28 scholarships were awarded to male candidates. To those who didn't attend, you missed a T-R-E-A-T. By Dollie Williams



## 50 YEARS MOUNT RUSHMORE AND THE MINT HELPS RESTORE IT

Many of the Denver Mint employees as well as mint employees in San Francisco, West Point, and Philadelphia worked hard to produce all those Mt. Rushmore coins.

So far over 1.5 million were sold, and by congressional order half of the profits from this program go to the Mount Rushmore Society.

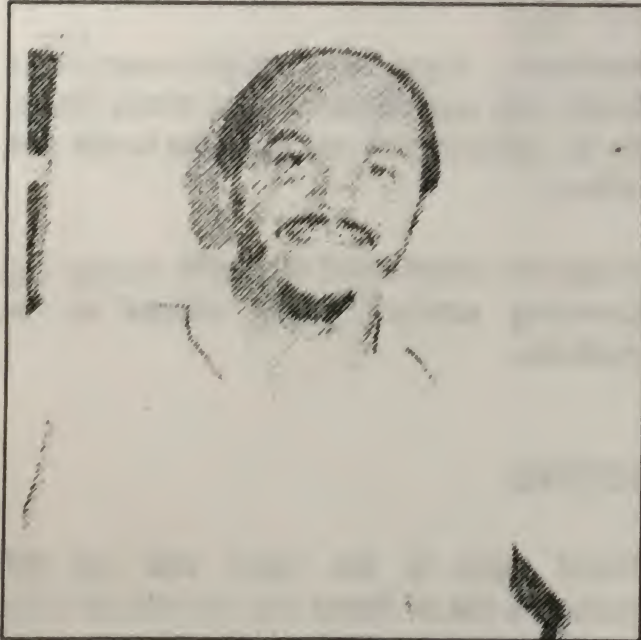
Two of the mint Superintendents, Mrs. McTurk and Mrs. Marshall, were at the belated official dedication ceremony since the monument was never officially

dedicated. It was completed just as the US entered World War II.

The two superintendents presented a check for 5 million dollars to the society which rebuilds the monument. This check is the first payment of the profits from coin sales. We hope that our hard work will raise more money for the restoration of this monument so many more generations will be able to see it and enjoy it.

### LOOKING BACK REPRINT FROM A 1979 NEWSLETTER

The Mint Newsletter is going to bring back reports from past newsletters to highlight long term employees. This is the first report in this series. Look for more next month.



DO YOU RECOGNIZE HIM?

Vincent (Vince) Robinson, assigned to the Numismatics Sales Office, was born in Des Moines, Iowa. He is married and has two children. His wife's name is Rudrial (Rudy). His son, Vince Jr., is seven years old and his daughter Almetra, is six years

old. Vince graduated from Manual High School in Denver in 1968.

Vince's very serious hobby is acting. When Vince was asked what got him into acting, he said "I really had no ambition to become an actor at that time. But I sang in the school choir, so that gave me a lot of exposure to the field of theater. The actors for the plays were chosen from the choir because we did mostly musicals, and that's what really got me into acting by being picked through the choir".

Vince attended Colorado University at Boulder for two years where he studied Political Science & Sociology. He received an invitation from Uncle Sam to join the Army where he spent the next two years. While in the Army he served in Vietnam in the 1st Aviation Brigade, Assault Helicopters for eleven months.



Vince belongs to the Denver Black Arts Company, which is a program of the CSU Family Action Center, where he has acted in plays written by the Director of the Black Arts Company, John McCullum. Among the plays he has acted in are: "Draft", "To be or Not to Be", "In Pursuit of Happiness" and "A wish for Avator". Vince has also acted in Off Broadway plays such as: "Don't Bother Me, I Can't Cope", "Tamburines to Glory", "The Brownsville Raid" and "The River Niger". Vince's ambition in the acting field is to eventually go to New York to study in the Negro Ensemble and then make a full career of acting.

Have you noticed Vince's latest haircut? He tries to actually look and feel like the character he is portraying and his most recent role called for a short haircut. He investigates and studies the character thoroughly and this is a big step in being a successful actor. With that kind of an outlook and ambition, Vince will, we are sure be a success as an actor. We wish him the best.

Note from the editor:

Today Vince is still continuing his acting career. He is assigned to Exhibits and Sales.

## HEALTH SURVEY

In follow-up to the recently administered Health Risk appraisal, I would like to include the following update in the upcoming employee newsletter:

Health risk questionnaires have been completed by over 200 Denver Mint employees. Individual reports have been returned to employees through their supervisors. If you have not received your report or have any question about your returned printout, please contact George

Kroeninger in the health unit office on Tuesday or Thursday mornings or by calling 987-3602.

Reminder: if you have not yet completed a health risk questionnaire, and would like to do so, you can pick one up at the health unit office.

Watch for information on health classes and screening services being offered at the worksite.

## LOST AND FOUND

The Mint Newsletter is planning a lost and found column. Please inform us and the Mint Police if you lost something. Turn in

found items to the police and we will publish a list of found and unclaimed items at the end of the month.



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